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DEADLY FORCE

Air marshal shoots, kills man claiming to have bomb at Miami airport



Passengers exit an American Airlines plane with hands above their heads at Miami International Airport on Wednesday. A passenger who claimed to have a bomb was shot and killed by a federal air marshal.

MIAMI | An agitated passenger who claimed to have a bomb in his backpack was shot and killed by a federal air marshal Wednesday after he bolted frantically from a jetliner that was about to take off, officials said. No bomb was found.

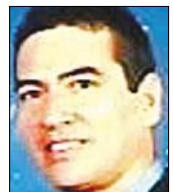
The man, identified as Rigoberto Alpizar, a 44-year-old U.S. citizen, was gunned down on a jetway just before the American Airlines plane was about to leave for Orlando, Fla., near his home in Maitland. It was the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks that an air marshal had shot at anyone, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Doyle said.

According to a witness, the man frantically ran down the aisle of the Boeing 757, flailing his arms, while his wife tried to explain that he was mentally ill and had not taken his medication.

The passenger indicated there was a bomb in his bag and was confronted by air marshals but ran off the aircraft, Doyle said. The marshals went after him and ordered him to get down on the ground, but he did not comply and was shot when he apparently reached into the bag, Doyle said.

The plane was carrying 119 other passengers and crew. Alpizar had arrived in Miami earlier in the day from Ecuador, authorities said.

No bomb was found, said James E. Bauer, agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshals field office in Miami. He said there was no reason to believe there was any connection to terrorists. JOHN PAIN (AP)



Alpizar

Marshaling force: Some in Congress say shooting proves air marshal program can protect passengers | **Today's Washington Post, A Section**

COVER-UPS | Liars for Hire A new Web site is helping people cover their tracks when they need an alibi, WLS-TV reported. The Alibi Network, based in Mount Prospect, Ill., will provide customized alibis for everything from calling in sick to work



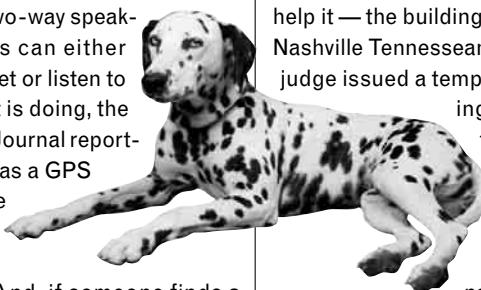
to carrying on an affair. A small annual fee provides for fake e-mail confirmations, a fake hotel reception desk to answer incoming calls and even doctored photographs. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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RING BONES

Rovering Charges

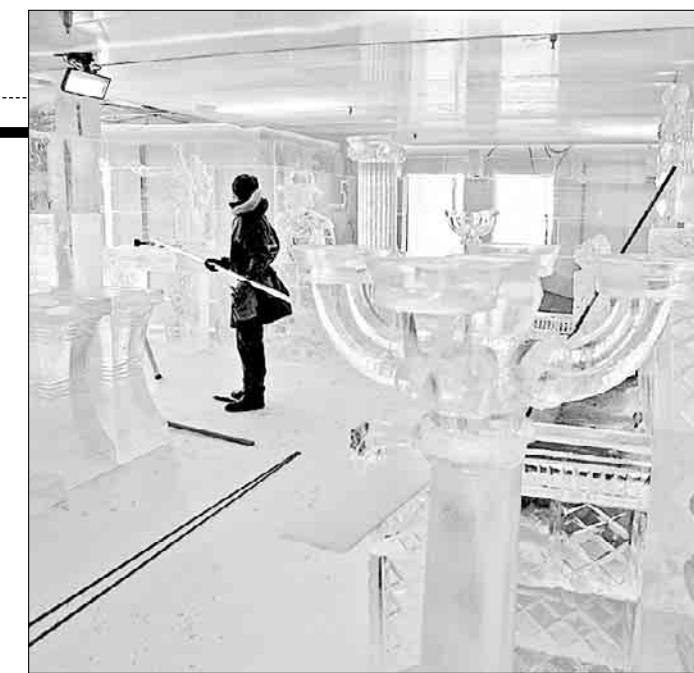
Dog-lovers will soon be able to talk to their pet whenever they want, thanks to PetCell, the first cell phones for dogs. The device is a bone-shaped cell phone that hangs off a dog's collar and functions as a two-way speaker, so users can either talk to the pet or listen to hear what it is doing, the Edmonton Journal reported. It also has a GPS device inside so owners can track their dog. And, if someone finds a lost dog with the device, they can push a button to speak with the owner. PetCell devices, which sell for \$350 to \$400, work on standard cellular networks and have their own number. It answers automatically when owners dial the number. (EXPRESS)



WIDTH

A Long, Narrow Strip ... Joint

A judge has granted an exemption to a Nashville strip club from a law stopping patrons from being within three feet of dancers. The customers can't help it — the building is too thin, the Nashville Tennessean reported. The judge issued a temporary restraining order against the city, which was trying to shut the club down. "The building is so narrow where the stage is located, you can't have everybody three feet away," said George Barrett, a lawyer for the Brass Stables club. The club said it can't expand to fit the requirement, because it shares a common wall with buildings on each side. (EXPRESS)



DAVID GRAY/REUTERS

ICE

On the Rocks

The ice-bar craze came to Sydney, Australia, on Tuesday, as the Minus Five Ice Bar opened to the public. The bar is kept at a constant temperature of 23 degrees Fahrenheit and is decorated with ice sculptures made from glacial ice from Canada. Unfortunately, however, bargoers can't make a full evening out of it: There is a limit of three drinks per person, because of the effect alcohol has at such low temperatures — which is not unlike the risks of drinking at high altitudes. (EXPRESS)


FUTURISTIC DYSTOPIAS
Just Hope the Rats Don't Turn Against Us

A rat brain in a Petri dish has learned how to fly an F-22 jet simulator, as part of a scientific effort to combine computers with biological components, the Telegraph reported. The research at the University of Florida is meant to explore ways of developing living computers to operate unmanned aircraft in missions where it is too dangerous for humans. The 25,000 cells are spread across a grid of 60 electrodes and linked to a desktop computer, then trained to use the simulator and control the plane's flight path. (EXPRESS)

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Nation

In Brief

SPOKANE, WASH.

Voters Recall Mayor Over Web Solicitation Scandal

Mayor James E. West said Wednesday he regrets actions that led voters to recall him in a special election sparked by allegations he used a city computer to woo gay men over the Internet. West served more than two decades in the state Legislature, where he voted against gay-friendly bills. (AP)



West

WASHINGTON

Governor-Elect Announces Congressional Replacement

New Jersey Gov.-elect Jon Corzine will name Democratic Rep. Robert Menendez to fill the remaining year of his Senate term, congressional aides said Wednesday. Menendez would be the first minority member to represent New Jersey in the Senate, and would be the body's third sitting Hispanic senator. (AP)

WASHINGTON

White House 'Holiday' Cards Draw Conservative Ire

Some U.S. conservative Christians who received Christmas cards from the White House this month are grumbling that something was missing — Christmas. Bush "claims to be a born-again, evangelical Christian. But he sure doesn't act like one," said conservative blogger Joseph Farah. (AP)

Bush Cites Economic Progress in Iraq

President admits to reconstruction difficulties

WASHINGTON | Defending his war policy, President Bush said Wednesday that Iraq is making quiet, steady progress in repairing its shattered economy though reconstruction "has not always gone as well as we had hoped" because of unrelenting violence.

"Rebuilding a nation devastated by a dictator is a large undertaking," the president said. "It's even harder when terrorists are trying

to blow up that which the Iraqis are trying to build."

Bush spoke before the Council on Foreign Relations in the second of four addresses to answer criticism about America's presence in Iraq, where the U.S. death toll has eclipsed 2,100. Bush is laboring under the lowest job approval rating of his presidency, and the speeches are part of a public relations campaign in the run-up to the Dec. 15

vote in Iraq to create a democratically elected government that will run the country.

While not admitting errors, Bush spoke about how the U.S. "adjusted our approach" in helping rebuild Iraqi cities. In his speech on Iraq last week, Bush talked about early miscalculations that were made in training Iraqi forces. A majority of Americans now say the war was a mistake, and critics of the administration's reconstruction strategy say not enough has been

done in the nearly three years since the invasion to reduce unemployment, step up oil production and keep the lights on.

"The Iraqi people want jobs, security and basic services, and the president's words will continue to ring hollow until these urgent needs are met," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said. "Nearly half of the funds appropriated by Congress remain unspent and millions of dollars have been lost to corruption."

DEB REICHMANN (AP)

TEXAS | COLD SNAP HITS MIDWEST



RON JENKINS/AP

HUDDLED UP: Meerkats, native to Africa, keep warm on a heated pad in their enclosure at the Fort Worth Zoo Tuesday. Bitterly cold weather covered the midwest Wednesday from Texas to Illinois, setting record lows.

Dog DNA Could Help Fight Human Diseases

Researchers unveil first virtually complete canine genetic map

BOSTON | Mankind's best friend for thousands of years is ready to teach new tricks to science.

The genetic makeup of the dog, in this case a boxer named Tasha, has been deciphered and should help identify genes that make both dogs and people vulnerable to cancers, heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy, blindness, deafness and even some psychiatric disorders, scientists said Wednesday.

The work is the first virtually complete decoding of the species and illuminates the blueprint that

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IN The Washington Post

shapes everything from the smallest Chihuahua to the biggest Great Dane.

The research, overseen by the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, was published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

"It is a historic occasion today for the relationship between humans and dogs," said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute. JEFF DONN (AP)

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Miles per hour that motorcyclist Jacob Carman was clocked at by Nebraska state troopers. A judge last week said the speed wasn't "reckless" because Carman rode alone.

No Escaping Student Loans

Government can go after Social Security checks, high court rules

WASHINGTON | America's seniors and disabled cannot escape debts from old student loans, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, freeing the government to pursue Social Security benefits as part of an effort to collect billions in delinquent loans.

The Bush administration had argued that the ability to withhold Social Security benefits is an important tool in the pursuit of \$5.7 billion in student loan debt that is over

10 years old. Overall, outstanding loans total about \$33 billion.

The unanimous decision went against a disabled 67-year-old Seattle man who lives in public housing and had sued claiming he needed all of his \$874 monthly check to pay for food and medicine.

James Lockhart's benefits had been cut by 15 percent to cover debts he incurred in the 1980s. He has about \$77,000 in unpaid loans.

The court's decision applies to



O'Connor

NEW YORK | REMEMBERING JOHN LENNON



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STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER: Linda Wright pays tribute to John Lennon at Strawberry Fields in Central Park on Wednesday. Today marks the 25th anniversary of Lennon's death after being shot by a deranged fan.

Delay Seeks Fast Trial on One Charge

AUSTIN, TEXAS | Rep. Tom DeLay asked a judge Wednesday to separate the two remaining charges against him and let him go to trial quickly on one count.

The Texas Republican is seeking a quick resolution of the charges so he can regain his post as House majority leader when Congress reconvenes in late January. House GOP rules prevent him from serving in the post as long as he remains under indictment.

On Monday, Texas Judge Pat Priest dismissed one conspiracy charge against DeLay but let stand charges of money laundering and conspiracy to launder money. Because Priest stripped some language in the remaining conspiracy charge, that count could be tied up in the courts if prosecutors appeal. DeGuerin asked that a trial be tentatively scheduled for the first or second week in January.

APRIL CASTRO (AP)

loans that date back more than 10 years, and covers both disability and retirement benefits under the Social Security program.

The ruling, written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, will probably be one of her last. She is retiring after 24 years.

In a concurring opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia said Congress "...flatly contracted and thereby effectively repealed part of the Social Security Act."

Senior advocacy groups called the benefits "critical in preserving a measure of financial independence for older and disabled workers."

GINA HOLLAND (AP)

Fitzgerald Back Before Grand Jury

Rove still focus of CIA leak probe after Woodward deposition

WASHINGTON | Special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald was back before a federal grand jury on Wednesday in the CIA leak case, with deputy White House chief of staff Karl Rove still under investigation.

Since the Oct. 28 indictment of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, two more reporters have been pulled into the investigation — The Washington Post's Bob Woodward and Time magazine's Viveca Novak.

Woodward has given a deposition about a conversation he had in mid-June 2003 in which a senior Bush administration official disclosed the CIA status of undercover officer Valerie Plame. Fitzgerald is seeking Novak's testimony about her conversations with Rove's lawyer, Robert Luskin, in 2004.

Fitzgerald did not comment on Wednesday's nearly three-hour grand jury session where the prosecutor was accompanied by deputies and an FBI agent. PETE YOST (AP)

DRESS SUCCESS: A replica of Princess Diana's wedding dress sold at auction in London Wednesday for \$175,000, twice its pre-sale estimate. The ivory silk taffeta dress, complete with tiara and veil, went to an anonymous private buyer.



World

In Brief



New video released Wednesday purports to show Tom Fox, of Clearbrook, Va., one of four captive peace activists.

BAGHDAD, IRAQ **Kidnappers Extend Deadline For Hostages, Release Video**

Kidnappers extended a deadline until Saturday in their threat to kill four captive peace activists and posted a video of two of the hostages wearing robes and shackled with chains. The original deadline set by the group calling itself the Swords of Righteousness was Thursday. The extension was announced in a statement that accompanied Wednesday's video, according to Al-Jazeera and IntelCenter, a government contractor that does support work for the U.S. intelligence community. (AP)

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

Fears of Conflict Rise After Peacekeepers Told to Leave

Eritrea has ordered the expulsion of U.S., Canadian and European staff of the U.N. peacekeeping mission that monitors the tense border with neighboring Ethiopia, United Nations officials said Wednesday. Concern has been growing that war could again erupt between the two countries: both have been increasing troops along the border. (AP)

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Amid Vote-Counting Delays, Candidate Concedes Defeat

Ruling-party presidential candidate Porfirio Lobo Sosa conceded defeat Wednesday, 10 days after the election and with official results still unavailable because of vote-counting delays. The announcement from the National Party clears the way for Manuel Zelaya, of the main opposition Liberal Party, to become the country's president. (AP)

Rice Seeks to Clarify Torture Policy

Interrogation rules said to apply to U.S. personnel in any locale

KIEV, UKRAINE | Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sought Wednesday to clarify U.S. policy on harsh interrogation methods, saying no U.S. personnel may use cruel or degrading practices at home or abroad.

"As a matter of U.S. policy," Rice said during a press conference with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, the United Nations Convention Against Torture "extends to U.S. personnel wherever they are, whether they are in the

U.S. or outside the U.S."

Rice did not, however, give examples of banned practices, define the meaning of cruelty or degradation and did not say if the rules would apply to private contractors or foreign interrogators.

Rice's remarks follow debate in the U.S. over the government policies for holding and questioning detainees, including Bush administration statements that a ban on cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment did not apply to detainees held overseas. In practice, that could mean CIA employees could use methods in overseas prisons that would not be allowed in the U.S.

Rice's remarks came amid

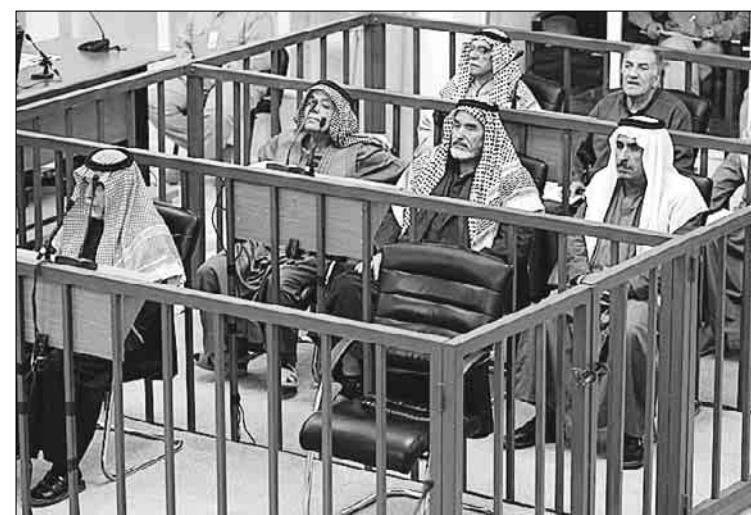


Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice meets with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko in Kiev on Wednesday.

strong and sustained criticism among European allies and others around the world over techniques such as "waterboarding," in which prisoners are strapped to a plank and dunked in water, made to fear they may be drowned.

At every stop on her European tour this week, Rice has faced questions about U.S. practices in the pursuit of terrorists, including whether the CIA has run secret prisons on European soil or mistreated prisoners during clandestine flights.

The European Union and several European countries have requested an explanation, and the continent's top human rights organization is investigating. ANNE GEARAN (AP)



The chair for former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein sits empty Wednesday after he didn't show for a court session. A judge adjourned the hearings until Dec. 21.

Saddam Boycotts Trial

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Saddam Hussein followed through Wednesday on his threat to boycott his trial, and the court adjourned until after next week's national elections. Gunmen, meanwhile, kidnapped the 8-year-old son of a bodyguard for a judge in the case.

Inside the courtroom, one of Saddam's co-defendants lashed out at conditions of his own detention, saying guards offered only "the worst brands" of cigarettes.

Barazan Ibrahim's outburst came a day after Saddam, his half brother, warned that he would not return to the "unjust" court to protest the

conditions of his detention.

The court convened Wednesday after four hours of behind-the-scenes consultations failed to resolve the standoff. After hearing from two more witnesses, Chief Judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin adjourned the hearings until Dec. 21 — six days after the parliamentary elections, which officials fear may coincide with a spike in insurgent violence.

Court official Raid Juhi insisted that Saddam did not boycott the hearing but that the court "decided he should be removed" after the closed-door consultations. (AP)

Official Involved In China's Toxic Spill Found Dead

JIAMUSI, CHINA | A deputy mayor who claimed there was no pollution from a chemical plant explosion was found dead at his home amid public anger over officials' failure to quickly alert residents that tons of toxins had spilled into a major river.

Wang Wei, the 43-year-old dep-

uty mayor of Jilin, the city in northeast China where the blast occurred, was found dead Tuesday, the Hong Kong media outlets reported. They said the cause of death was unknown.

The government tried to mollify the public Wednesday by promising a thorough inquiry into the spill into the Songhua River. But the government didn't say whether it would target the biggest focus of public anger — accusations that Communist Party officials tried to cover up the pollution. (AP)

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World



GOLDEN FELINE: Veterinarians at Rome's zoo treated an elderly lion for arthritis by inserting some 50 gold pellets into the animal's muscles, officials said Wednesday. The gold helps to relieve muscle contraction around painful areas.

8 Die in Egypt Poll Clashes

Police block supporters of banned group from voting in some towns

ZAGAZIG, EGYPT | Police barricaded polling stations and fired tear gas and rubber bullets Wednesday to keep supporters of the banned Muslim Brotherhood from voting in the final day of parliamentary elections. At least eight people were killed, including a 14-year-old boy.

Supporters of the banned Brotherhood fought back, hurling stones and molotov cocktails and cornering security forces in some towns.

The last day of the vote, which stretched over a month, was by far the most violent. A total of at least 10 people have been killed during the three rounds of balloting, which began Nov. 9 and are considered a key test of President Hosni Mubarak's pledge to open the autocratic political system.



Voters gather in front of a polling station in Egypt after they were denied entry.

Hundreds have been wounded and more than 1,000 arrested, mainly supporters of the fundamentalist Brotherhood, which has fielded candidates as independents.

Ballot bust: Political reform looked like common repression in Egypt Wednesday, reflecting the country's zigzag path toward democracy | Today's Post, A Section

The Brotherhood calls for implementing Islamic law but has long been vague about what that means. It campaigns for head scarves for women and against immodest dress, but it insists it stands for a more moderate version of Islam than in Saudi Arabia.

Among the deaths, 14-year-old Mohammed Karam el-Taher was killed when police fired at demonstrators in Qattawiya, a Nile Delta village in el-Sharqiya province not far from Zagazig.

The Interior Ministry confirmed the deaths, but accused the Brotherhood of instigating riots.

Ministry spokesman Ibrahim Hammad accused Brotherhood "thugs" of causing the disturbances. "The police are protecting the judges (who supervise polling stations) and helping the voters to reach the ballot box," Hammad said in a statement. NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD (AP)

CUBA | ELIAN'S PARTY POLITICS



CLAUDIO DAUT/REUTERS

BIRTHDAY BOY: President Fidel Castro talks to Elian Gonzalez during a political rally held in celebration of Elian's 12th birthday in Cardenas, Cuba, Tuesday. Castro praised Gonzalez, the focus of a high-profile international custody battle six years ago, saying he had become "a leader" at his school.



IN THE JOINT: A Buddhist monk was arrested Wednesday for growing marijuana near his temple in northern Japan, a police official said. Michimaru Obara, a 48-year-old monk at Eikoji shrine, is suspected of growing and selling the illegal plant. The monk has admitted he cultivated the plant for personal use, but he denies selling his harvest, reports said. (AP)

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GET READY TO WAIT: Dulles International Airport officials will open an official "Cell Phone Waiting Area" on Dec. 21, where drivers heading to the terminal for a pickup will be able to wait until they get a call on their cell phone from the person they're picking up.

Local

Real Estate May Rebound in '06

While housing prices are up over last year, sales have slowed

WASHINGTON | Home sellers, buyers and Realtors in the Washington area were hoping the market would rebound in the fall, but after a slow November, they're now predicting a spring turnaround. Housing prices are up over last November in both Montgomery County and in D.C. — but homes are not selling as fast as they did last year.

The Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors reports listings for single family homes in Montgomery County are up almost 75 percent over this time last year. Many more condos are available in

the District, with listings up 114 percent over last year.

Despite all the options, buyers are not signing, with the number of contracts down 18 percent in both jurisdictions. Average prices in both places are up by about \$100,000 to \$560,327 in Montgomery and \$618,692 in the District.

Susann Haskins, the president of GCAAR, attributes the numbers to a seasonal slowdown and a rebalancing of the market. Some sellers, she said, were waiting to put their homes on the market when it peaked and are now trying to sell before it tanks. "I don't see this as the bubble bursting or doomsday, but a reflection of a more normal market than we have had in years," Haskins said.

HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)



DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR: Prince George's County police say they're watching driveways and area parking lots for cars left running while drivers are inside homes and businesses. Police say about 30 percent of cars stolen in the county are taken while the keys are in the ignition. Police will pass out \$60 fines to drivers who leave running cars unattended. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Dec. 7

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-4-3
Evening Lucky Numbers	1-4-5
Mid-day DC 4	1-8-6-1
Evening DC 4	1-6-7-7
Rolling Cash Five	17-7-34-06-33
Daily 6	03-25-29-39-31-33 Bonus: 23

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-5-6
Evening Pick 3	5-5-5
Mid-day Pick 4	8-4-2-5
Evening Pick 4	7-8-6-8
Match 5	06-13-21-24-35 Bonus: 32

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-7-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-8-8-5

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RELIVING HISTORY: Washington and Lee High School history teacher Les Albers and his students Mackenzie Baker, left, and Stephen Browning wore World War II-era uniforms as part of a National Park Service program held Wednesday to commemorate the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Warner Plans \$255M for Va. Colleges

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Mark R. Warner said Wednesday he plans to include \$255 million in his proposed state budget for research and development projects at colleges and universities in Virginia, which lags behind neighboring states in such spending.

Several state universities are committing up to \$299 million, Warner said. It would come from budget surpluses that topped \$500 million for the fiscal year that ended last year and are expected to reach or exceed \$1 billion for the current budget year. ZINIE CHEN SAMPSON (AP)

Lucky Few To Visit Panda Cub

Today's the day D.C. has been waiting for: Tai Shan's debut

WASHINGTON | Nearly five months after the birth of a giant panda cub at the National Zoo made headlines around the world, Tai Shan is expected to go on limited display Thursday. The 22-pound black and white cub could be seen by as many as 600 people each day through Dec. 31. From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., groups of people who reserved free tickets through the zoo's Web site will be allowed to peer through the glass of Tai Shan's climate-controlled exhibit area and observe the cub teething on bamboo, climbing over rocks and mimicking play activity learned from his mother. (AP)

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Town to Be Dark For Christmas

LONACONING, MD. | It's hard to say who the Scrooge is, but there will be no Christmas lights hung from utility poles along Main Street in Lonaconing this season.

The Town Council voted Monday to cancel the decorations for the

first time in nearly 70 years after dealing for months with utilities whose inspectors found that the tradition would pose a threat to public safety.

Mayor John Coburn said there was little chance of resolving the issue in time to hang the decorations, which usually go up in mid-November. "It'll be dark here at Christmas," Coburn said. (AP)

Money



"We are keen to grow Microsoft activities in India. The growth in employment ... will be more in India than the United States."

—Bill Gates, on Microsoft's plan to nearly double its work force in India in coming years

Ford Considering A Vast Overhaul

Automaker may have to shut down several plants to trim costs

DETROIT | Ford Motor Co.'s board of directors began a two-day meeting Wednesday to consider a sweeping restructuring plan the company hopes will help pull it out of a slump. Thousands of jobs are on the line and several plants may shut down to help the nation's No. 2 automaker overcome rising costs and the loss of market share to foreign rivals.

Ford has at least eight assembly plants at significant risk of closure for many reasons, including the products they make, their age, their proximity to suppliers and the

flexibility they have to produce a variety of products, according to auto analysts. The plants employ more than 17,000 hourly and salaried workers.

The automaker is expected to reveal the plan on Jan. 23, according to United Auto Workers Vice President Gerald Bantom, who is in charge of negotiations with Ford. Bantom said he had no details of the plan, but industry analysts say Ford must take major steps to get its plant capacity in line with falling U.S. demand for its vehicles.

At the top of the list for closure may be the St. Louis plant in Missouri, which makes the struggling Ford Explorer and the Mercury Mountaineer. DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
KatyInd h	3.08	+.40	+14.9
Angelic	15.75	+1.77	+12.7
CAE Inc g	7.74	+.85	+12.3
NYMtgTr	6.19	+.57	+10.1
Amrep	27.95	+2.29	+8.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ECC Cap n	2.47	-.24	-8.9
ITT Inds	98.65	-8.34	-7.8
ISE n	30.36	-2.49	-7.6
DianaSh n	13.20	-.88	-6.3
Startek	15.94	-1.07	-6.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.00	7.00
Fed Funds close	4.00	4.0625
3-month	3.94	3.92
2-year	4.40	4.41
10-year	4.52	4.49
30-year	4.72	4.70

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Spherix	4.92	+1.17	+31.2
Schmitt	6.98	+1.18	+20.3
Hurco	27.33	+4.50	+19.7
ImmuCell	5.68	+.72	+14.5
Logility	8.76	+1.06	+13.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SigmaTel	13.65	-2.03	-12.9
InPlay	3.36	-.47	-12.3
Antigncs	4.83	-.67	-12.2
Ulticom	10.40	-1.43	-12.1
CoActive	2.38	-.32	-11.9

Currency

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5766	.5741	.5139
Canadian Dollar	1.1587	1.1562	1.2075
European Euro	.8532	.8479	.7445
Japanese Yen	120.93	120.74	102.84
Mexican Peso	10.4400	10.4070	11.2030
Taiwanese Dollar	33.48	33.44	32.09

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-45.95 -0.42 10810.91	-8.75 -0.39 2252.01	-6.33 -0.50 1257.37

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	87.65	-.19	+8.3
BcoSnCH	12.56	-.07	+1.5
BkofAm	45.86	-.45	-2.4
BkNova g	40.15	+.20	+18.6
Citigrp	48.70	-.19	+1.1
DeutschBk	98.38	-.37	+10.5
JPMorgCh	38.47	-.38	-1.4
MitsuUFJ	13.44	-.19	+31.5
RoyalBk g	75.87	-.52	+42.0
TorDBk g	51.81	-.44	+24.3
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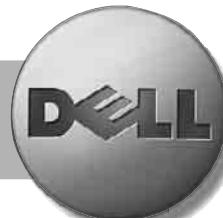
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THE REALLY BIG HURT: The Chicago White Sox cut ties with slugger Frank Thomas, refusing Wednesday to offer salary arbitration to the two-time American League MVP who has a .307 career average with 448 homers and 1,465 RBIs.

Sports

In Brief

BASEBALL

Marlins Cap Off Fire Sale By Trading Pierre to Cubs

The Florida Marlins likely finished their salary purge on Wednesday, sending center fielder Juan Pierre to the Chicago Cubs for right-hander Sergio Mitre and Double-A pitchers Ricky Nolasco and Renyel Pinto. The only high-priced players remaining on the Marlins roster are 22-game winner Dontrelle Willis and slugger Miguel Cabrera, who are eligible for salary arbitration for the first time but are not expected to be traded. (AP)



Lemieux was sent to the hospital as a precaution after an irregular heartbeat.

HOCKEY

Pens' Lemieux Hospitalized With An Irregular Heartbeat

Pittsburgh Penguins owner-player Mario Lemieux was hospitalized Wednesday for observation of an irregular heartbeat, general manager Craig Patrick said. Lemieux will be monitored overnight in the undisclosed hospital and won't play Thursday night against the Minnesota Wild. The team said his playing status will be day-to-day after that. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

3 Finalists for the Heisman

The Heisman Trophy is a three-man race — just as it's been all season. Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart of Southern California will be back in New York on Saturday, along with Texas quarterback Vince Young, when the Heisman Trophy is awarded. On Wednesday, the Downtown Athletic Club, which hands out college football's most prestigious individual award, invited only those three players to the presentation ceremony. (AP)



ON THE MARK: Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell has learned a few things in his long NFL career, like how to avoid throwing interceptions. He has only five this season.

Brunell Is Playing It Safe

Redskins QB has the lowest interception rate in the NFL this year

REDSKINS | Mark Brunell is No. 1 in the NFL.

"In fumbles?" he asked. "Age?"

Nope. Only five of his 370 passes have been intercepted, a miserly 1.4 percent pickoff rate.

For all the talk about the Washington Redskins' turnover problems — they're minus-10 in turnover differential — Brunell hasn't had a wayward spurt to

contribute to it. He's on his second three-game streak without an interception, having kept his passes away from the opponents since Nov. 13 at Tampa Bay.

Much of it is due to veteran smarts. Brunell knows when to drift out of the pocket and throw the ball away instead of trying to force it into a crowd. It doesn't look pretty, it doesn't look brave, and the fans groan when it happens, but he often considers it his best option.

"I don't like throwing it away," he said. "I don't like it at all. I'd rather hit a guy, but many times

REDSKINS NOTES

→ WR Santana Moss left practice early after straining a hamstring muscle, but is listed as probable for Sunday.

→ Four players are questionable for Sunday: LaVar Arrington (bruised thigh), Joe Salave'a (foot), James Thrash (pulled hamstring) and Cedric Killings (strained groin).

guys are covered. So many times the best thing to do is put it in the third row."

Brunell's bigger problem has been the fumbles. He has nine, and six have been recovered by the other team.

As for his league-lead in interception percentage, Brunell might lose it this week even if he doesn't throw one Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals. Minnesota's Brad Johnson has thrown only two picks in 163 attempts, but he doesn't quite have the 14 attempts-per-game necessary to qualify for the official weekly list of league leaders.

"Having played this many games, we've backed off on the interceptions this year," Brunell said. "You learn from something good, but you learn a lot more from the mistakes that you make." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Astros Cut Ties With 'The Rocket'

BASEBALL | The Houston Astros declined to offer salary arbitration to Roger Clemens on Wednesday, a move that means he can't re-sign with the National League champions until May 1.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner spent the last two seasons with his hometown team and hasn't decided whether to pitch next year or retire. At 43, he led the major leagues in ERA at 1.87, going 13-8 to help the Astros reach the World



Clemens hasn't decided if he will retire or not, but the Astros have moved on.

Series for the first time.

He made \$18 million, and the Astros didn't want to risk going to salary arbitration while they awaited his decision whether to play. (AP)

Congress Debates BCS

WASHINGTON | A playoff system could be used in major college football, the head of the Bowl Championship Series told Congress on Wednesday.

When House Subcommittee on Commerce Trade and Consumer Protection Chairman Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., pointed out that lower divisions have playoffs for football, BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said: "It certainly, congressman, is possible to have a playoff at the Division I-A level, as well. We have chosen not

to go down that path."

Between jokes about needing tickets for bowl games and remarks about more important matters they could be addressing, lawmakers on the subcommittee — which examined steroids in pro sports earlier this year — said they are not interested in pursuing legislation. But they did want to know why Division I-A football is the only college sport without a playoff system. "Why can't it do it? Why can't it do it?" asked Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas. (AP)

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Sports



SHELVED: Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis underwent season-ending surgery on his torn right hamstring Wednesday, ending a frustrating year in which he played in only six games.

Hoyas Face a Roadblock

Georgetown gets put to the test with game against No. 11 Illinois

HOYAS HOOPS | Georgetown enters the fourth road game of its first five games of the season tonight, and so far, the team has been able to handle all the bumps it's come across.

But the Hoyas will face a roadblock in their nationally televised game against No. 11 Illinois. "They have a lot of different weapons," coach John Thompson III said.

Georgetown (3-1) is riding high after pulling off a road shocker Saturday at Oregon, ending the Ducks' streak of 35 home wins against non-conference opponents.

"We went out there and showed a toughness that is necessary to win on the road," Thompson said. "That's



John Thompson III has schedule hard road games to prepare for the Big East.

what we're trying to build and what we're trying to grow."

The growing will have to come

fast against the undefeated Illini, who have won their first eight games by an average of 16.9 points. That's due in large part to the strong play of their two seniors, center James Augustine and guard Dee Brown, and upstart freshman guard Jamar Smith.

The Hoyas have a few weapons of their own, the most notable of which so far is center Roy Hibbert, who has dominated defenses and is averaging 16.3 points a game.

Whether Georgetown wins or loses against Illinois, the Hoyas say they'll still benefit from the tough competition ahead of their Big East schedule. "It's not by chance — it's not by accident that we're going into some pretty hostile environments," Thompson said. "Hopefully, we can get through these experiences and prepare us for our league play."

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) It's the second road trip in a week for the Georgetown Hoyas, who visit No. 11 Illinois.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 3 Connecticut takes on the University of Massachusetts.

NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT) The Washington Wizards visit ex-Maryland Terrapins

Sarunas Jasikevicius and the Indiana Pacers.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON TNT) Can the Sacramento Kings add to the Houston Rockets' miserable season?

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Sports



Strong play from Jared Jeffries, left, and Jarvis Hayes led to a win on Tuesday night.



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Wizards' Balancing Act

Supporting cast needs to step up for 8-8 team

WIZARDS | Gilbert Arenas and Antawn Jamison are looking like returning All-Stars again, but the Washington Wizards are learning they have to rely on others if they actually want to win games.

That was evident in the Wizards' squeaker of a 119-111 overtime win Tuesday against the 3-16 Toronto

Raptors. While Arenas and Jamison did their thing — scoring 63 points combined — it was the play of small forward Jared Jeffries and shooting guard Jarvis Hayes that gave the Wizards (8-8) something the Raptors weren't prepared for.

That extra element hasn't always been there all season for coach

Eddie Jordan's team.

"The [system] that Eddie has — especially offensively — it can get complicated at times. So it takes time to learn that," said shooting guard Antonio Daniels, who was benched for Hayes last month. "You have to learn where guys are supposed to be, what cuts you're supposed to make, what cuts you're not supposed to make."

On the road against the tough Indiana Pacers (10-7) tonight, the Wizards will need to again see an inspired performance from Arenas and Jamison's supporting cast. That reliable third-man role — left vacant by Larry Hughes' departure — is still up for grabs, and plenty of Wizards are trying to claim it.

"It's hard to see where we are as a team. Everybody's going to be playing that much harder because everybody wants those minutes," Arenas said. "It's going to be interesting to see how that turns out, but everybody's going to be fighting. So it's going to make us that much better."

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

Book | **The Player:** Gilbert Arenas loves to play a full 48 minutes each night for the Wizards | Today's Post, Sports

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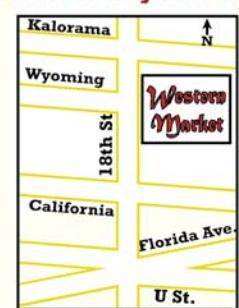
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DIVINE INTERVENTION: ABC dominated November sweeps. Neither biopic of Pope John Paul II—one on ABC, one on CBS—performed well, but ABC has the powerhouse “Desperate Housewives,” while CBS spent the month rereading old “CSI” episodes.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT



FANCY FORGETTING: Wasn't “Third Watch” supposed to be on tonight?

A TRACE (10 p.m., CBS), guest-starring Martin Landau.

CULT CHOICE
Corbin Bernsen and Connie Sellecca star in the 2001 comedy **I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS** (8 p.m., Family). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

IT'S LIKE PENN STATION IN HERE
INSIDE GRAND CENTRAL (8 p.m., National Geographic) offers a two-hour look at one of America's most famous train stations, a portal for millions of commuters and an architectural triumph facing an uncertain future.

GAMBLING FOR MILK MONEY
KIDS, CARDS & DICE (8 p.m., Court TV) Al Roker reports on students and young people hooked on gambling and who have turned to crime to subsidize their lifestyle.

OH, NO, NOT FEELINGS
THE O.C. (8 p.m., Fox) Johnny shares his feelings.

FORGOT TO WATCH
Amnesia, TV's most incurable disease, rears its ugly head on **WITHOUT**

Guns and Eggnog

It's a mobbed-up, merry romp for the 'Three Wise Guys'

HOLIDAY HIJINKS | Beware of holiday TV movies based solely on a “clever” title. “Three Wise Guys” (9 p.m., USA) offers a “crazy” retelling of the Christmas story from the points of view of three Mafia hitmen, who happen upon a very pregnant and very shady lady who needs help because “there is no room at the Desert Inn.”

Tom Arnold plays a mobbed-up and brainless casino owner who dispatches a trio of hitmen to silence



HOLY MARY! Jodi Lynn O'Keefe plays an unlikely bearer of good news.

a couple of inconvenient snitches. The trigger-happy troika consists of the silent and surly George (Judd Nelson), the suave and vain Joey (Eddie McClintock) and Vincent (Nick Turturro), the assassin with a heart of gold, a doting Dad who pines to be with his wife and five kids on the magical night of eggnog and caroling.

If you think Vincent's character sounds completely contradictory, you've happened upon the central problem of “Three Wise Guys.” It's impossible to watch this “comedy” with your brain fully in gear. The film never makes up its mind. One minute the characters speak casually of murder, strippers and easy sex, and the next minute we're awash in holiday sentiment. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET Style		★★ “Jason's Lyric” (1994, Drama) Allen Payne, Jada Pinkett				The Ultimate Hustler	In Living Color O	In Living Color O		
	Bravo	(5:00) Kathy Griffin: Allegedly	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy CC		Project Runway “Road to Runway”	Project Runway First assignment.				Kathy Griffin: Allegedly Performance.				
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	Family	7th Heaven “Truth or Dare” O CC	Full House CC	Full House CC	“I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” (2001, Comedy) Connie Sellecca. CC			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC				
	History	The Big Build “Castle Tower” CC	Modern Marvels: The Arch CC		Decoding the Past	The Bermuda Triangle. (N) CC			Boys' Toys	To many, motorcycles symbolize freedom. CC				
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ “The Man Upstairs” (1992) Katharine Hepburn, Ryan O'Neal. CC		“One Special Night” (1999, Romance) Julie Andrews, James Garner. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace O			
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	TNT	Charmed “Chick Flick” O CC	Law & Order “Ambitious” O	NBA Basketball	Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers. From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.					NBA Basketball	Houston Rockets at Sacramento Kings.			
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	“Three Wise Guys” (2005, Comedy) Tom Arnold, Judd Nelson. Premiere. CC					“Three Wise Guys” (2005) CC				
	VHI	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	America's Next Top Model O CC	Brokeback Mtn	Top 40 of 2005			
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	ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	High School Basketball			College Basketball	Massachusetts at Connecticut. (Live) CC			Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith			
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MOVIES	AMC	(5:45) ★★ “Young Guns II” (1990, Western) Emilio Estevez. ‘PG-13’			★★ “Above the Law” (1988, Drama) Steven Seagal, Henry Silva. ‘R’ CC			★★ “Chain Reaction” (1996, Adventure) Keanu Reeves. ‘PG-13’ CC						
	TCM	(5:45) ★★ “The Odessa File” (1974, Adventure) Jon Voight. ‘PG’			★★★ “Sabrina” (1954, Comedy) Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn. ‘NR’			★★★ “Executive Suite” (1954, Drama) William Holden, June Allyson. ‘NR’						
	HBO	Dr. Seuss-Cat	★ “Held Up” (2000) Jamie Foxx. O ‘PG-13’ CC		Inside the NFL O CC	★★ “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy” (2004)	Kong: 1st Look	Cathouse: Ser.	Family Bonds O					
	MAX	Love Don't	★★★ “Shrek 2” (2004) Voices of Mike Myers. ‘PG’ CC		★★★ “Lethal Weapon 2” (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Joe Pesci. O ‘R’ CC			★★★ “Napoleon Dynamite” (2004) Jon Heder. ‘PG’ CC		Best Sex Ever O				
	SHOW	(15) ★★ “Super Size Me” (2004, Documentary) iTV. O ‘PG-13’ CC			Sleeper Cell Attack in Los Angeles.	Sleeper Cell Shopping mall attack. O		★★ “The United States of Leland” (2003) Don Cheadle.		Anna Nicole				
	TMC	Irma La Douce	(25) ★★ “The Big Empty” (2003) Jon Favreau. ‘R’ CC		“The Kiss” (2003, Drama) Terence Stamp. O ‘NR’ CC			★★ “Mind the Gap” (2004, Comedy-Drama) Alan King. O ‘R’ CC		(40) ★ Fall (1997)				
	STARZ!	Mad Dog-Glory	(40) ★★ “Ladder 49” (2004, Drama) Joaquin Phoenix. O ‘PG-13’ CC		(40) On the Set	★★★ “Friday Night Lights” (2004) Billy Bob Thornton. O ‘PG-13’ CC				“High Roller: The Stu Ungar Story”				
	ENCORE	(15) ★★ “How to Deal” (2003, Romance) Mandy Moore. O ‘PG-13’ CC			★★★ “Miracle” (2004) Kurt Russell. The U.S. Olympic hockey team beats the Soviet team. ‘PG’			★★ “A Walk on the Moon” (1999) Diane Lane. ‘R’ CC						

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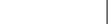
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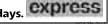
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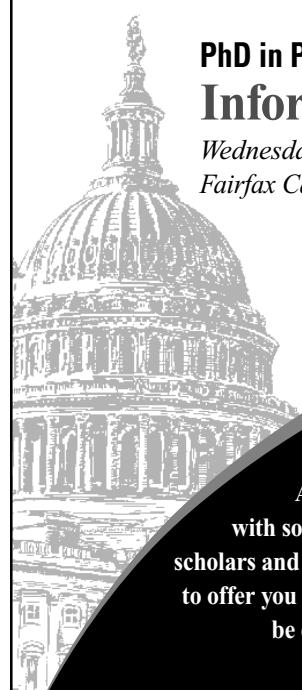
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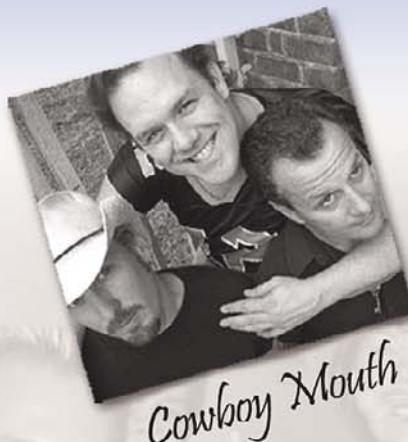


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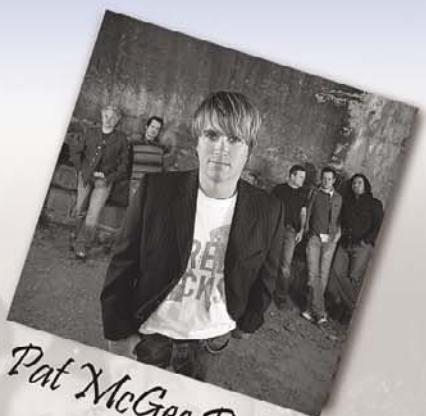
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Pandas

One of Tai Shan's keepers fields a few hardball questions

Most coverage of Washington's panda cub so far has consisted of little more than awww-inducing photos and debate over the name "Butterstick." Pretty soft, by journalistic standards. As Tai Shan goes on public display today for the first time, Express' Chris Mincher grilled Nicole Meese, a panda keeper at the National Zoo, to get Tai Shan's E! True Hollywood Story.

Aren't there other types of pandas? How is it that the giant pandas are the ones in the spotlight?

We have red pandas at the zoo as well. The giant pandas — just their facial structure, with the big eye patches and the soft rounded bodies — just look like a teddy bear, and that's what people identify with. Red pandas look like a cross between a cat and a raccoon.

Oh, well then, I guess I can understand why no one would care.

A few of us just got back from the reserve in China where Tian Tian and Mei Xiang were born, and there, across the street from the giant panda conservation area, is a red panda conservation area. People do care about them, they're just not as widely known.

Is the panda cub going to celebrate Christmas this year?

For our benefit, those of us that work the holidays — some of us work on Christmas to take care of the animal areas — we usually give them a little something special.

A stocking filled with bamboo?

Not necessarily a stocking. Maybe an extra fruitsicle ... I don't think they really know it's Christmas.

If the panda had any idea what Christmas was, what would a panda want as a gift?

Bamboo. No, probably sugarcane. That's one of their favorite special treats. They get that occasionally. It doesn't have a lot of specific nutrition in it, but it is something they enjoy, kind of like a candy bar or a candy cane in your stocking.

Does bamboo have all the nutrients pandas need? Bamboo doesn't

“I would not mind being a panda myself. It's pretty easy, especially for a captive panda. All your needs are met, and you're catered to all day. It's a pretty good deal if you can get it.”

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BUNDLE OF JOY: How much would you pay to be in Nicole Meese's place right now?

at the panda.

I don't mean viciously slinging it at them, I mean, like, a playful toss.

We don't really interact with the pandas that way. They like to roll down the hill. [Their bellies are] kind of like built-in toboggans.

What do you do?

I'm one of six panda keepers. We get in at 6 a.m. and lay out breakfast — a bamboo breakfast — for the adult pandas. Then we put them outside in the yard and get to cleaning the inside, disinfecting the exhibit and preparing diets.

Does the zoo have anything people are even less likely to see in their lifetimes than a panda?

The Sumatran tigers are more rare than the giant pandas.

So people are bypassing animals that are more rare to see pandas.

I think people come with very specific animals that they come to see, but to really get an appreciation for all the animals, they really need to see all the exhibits.

Does Tai Shan deserve the hype?

I think so. I have been just

Den Mother

really seem that healthy.

Bamboo isn't that nutritious. There's also the double-whammy of pandas having the stomachs of carnivores, so they don't absorb a lot of nutrients from bamboo either. So that's why pandas aren't really the most active of animals. They eat a lot and they sleep a lot.

I have a fairly sizable bamboo patch outside my apartment. Could a panda live in it?

Probably not. We're actually making a pretty big dent in our

bamboo supply.

To come up with names for the cub, I'm guessing somewhere in China a bunch of people sat down and brainstormed some names?

Right. And some of the names are reused. When we were in China, we met a male panda named Ling Ling, and, of course, we had a Ling Ling here that was a female. Each syllable can be pronounced four different ways in four different accents, and that changes the meaning. So just because you see the male name

"Ling Ling" that doesn't mean the name means the same thing as our "Ling Ling."

So it's not like a pope. They don't name it Panda Ling Ling II.

No.

Are the pandas glad it snowed?

This is really typical of the weather where they're from in the wild.

If you were to hurl a snowball at the panda, would it play along?

We don't really throw things

enamored with pandas since I was a little girl, growing up here and coming here every summer to see the pandas. Getting to know Mei Xiang and Tian Tian personally, and having the privilege to work with them every day, I definitely think that they are worth it.

This isn't a panda slander piece. I was just curious what the hubbub was all about.

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Look out Voices

Movies

Behind 'Syriana'

ROBERT BAER, author and ex-CIA case officer, was online Wednesday to discuss political thriller "Syriana," based upon his book | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

How were you approached by Hollywood to make this movie and how involved in the creative process were you?

I was approached by George Clooney who had read about my book in The New Yorker. My major contribution was traveling with director/screenwriter Stephen Gaghan for two months in Europe and the Middle East. The purpose of that trip was for him to hear people on the ground tell my story and their stories themselves. And then he went back to California and wrote the script by himself.

How closely is "Syriana" based on your novel "See No Evil"?

"Syriana" is taken partly from "See No Evil," in that George Clooney plays a burnt-out and disillusioned CIA case officer trying to do the right thing. And he also portrays somebody who has spent his life trying to comprehend the Middle East and then is ultimately bewildered by Washington politics.

Most reputable studies show that people respond to torture by talking — giving the interviewer whatever he/she wants to know, whether it's really true or not. Given that shaky foundation for information extracted by using extreme methods, why persist in their use?

I think that torture is a mistake for two reasons: One, during my career in the CIA, I watched foreign governments torture people for information and it always proved to be inaccurate. Under torture, people

will say anything. Two, I'm personally opposed to torture because, by ripping up the Geneva Conventions, the American people will ultimately pay the price when they become the victims of torture.

Do you agree with the argument of some that the war against Islamic fundamentalism began almost 200 years ago and that it will go on long after you and I have died?

I just spent two months in the Middle East with Hamas and other terrorist groups and I found that this is not a war over values, this is a war over politics. Either they or we are going to have to change our politics or find a common ground. But until that happens, this appears to be a war without end.

What does "Syriana" actually mean? Is it a place, real or fictional?

It's a fictional place, a term used inside the Beltway, to describe redrawing the borders in the Middle East to suit our interests. It's a made-up name. For example, Iraq is very much an artificial country and that is one reason we're having so many problems there. The Iraqis are not a people with a common identity. Iraq was made up by the British from three Ottoman provinces after WWI, but history tells us the British were unable to unify the Iraqis.

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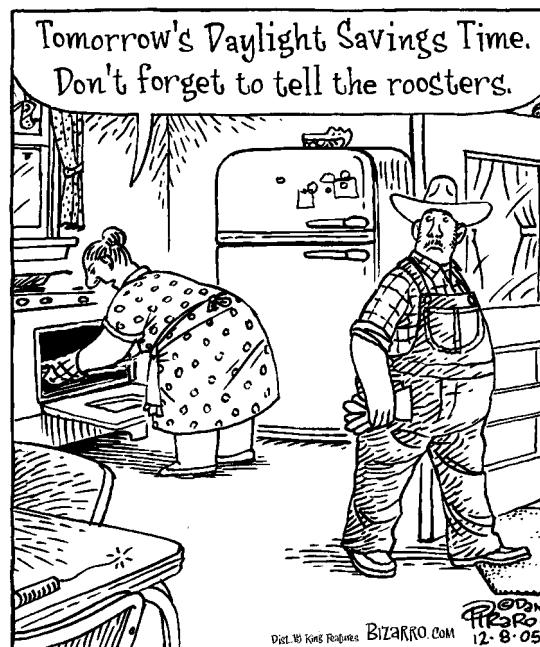
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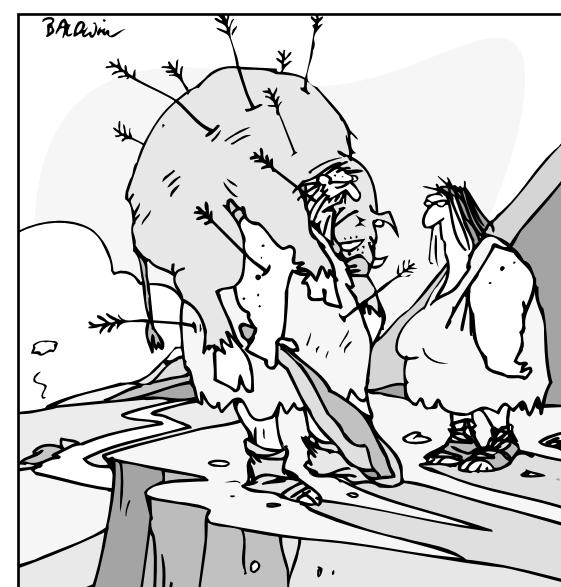
not filled with mumbo jumbo about political correctness. My Christmas cards have reflected season's greetings or happy holidays, even merry Christmas; they are always sent to let the recipient know I am thinking of them. These people are missing the point.

— CATHERINE D. TRAMMELL
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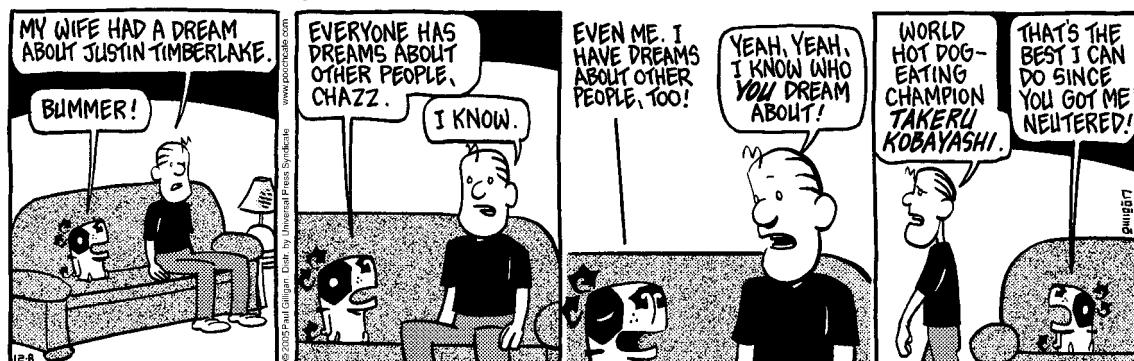


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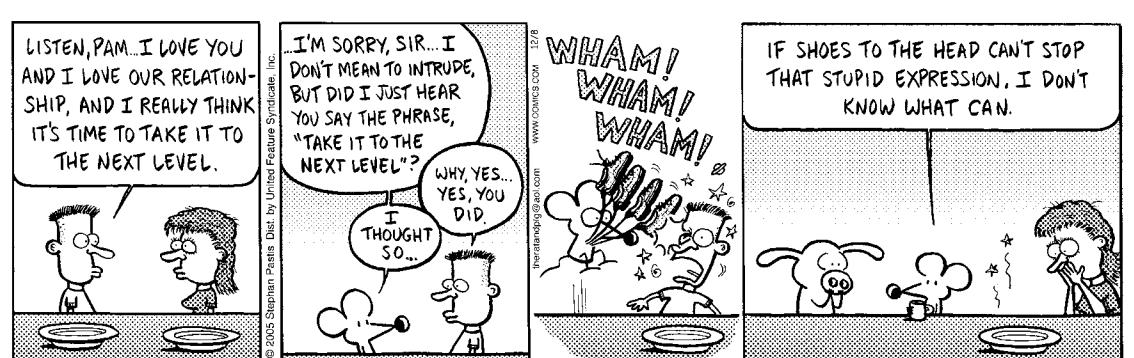


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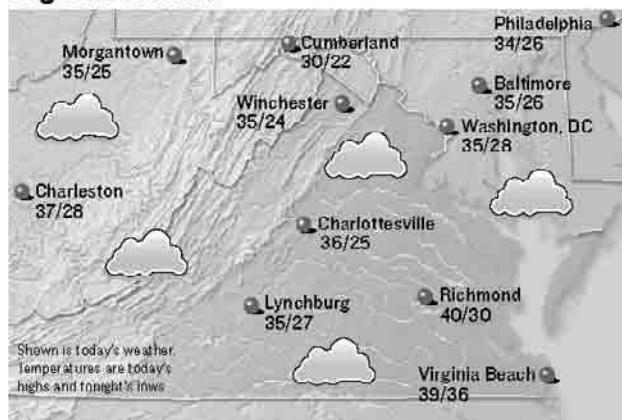


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35°	28°	35° / 26°	42° / 30°	44° / 30°	42° / 28°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.
Temperature
High 37°
Low 26°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 34°
Average humidity 47%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.41"
Normal month to date 0.70"
Year to date 41.45"
Last year to date 40.37"
Normal year to date 37.00"

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Regional Forecast

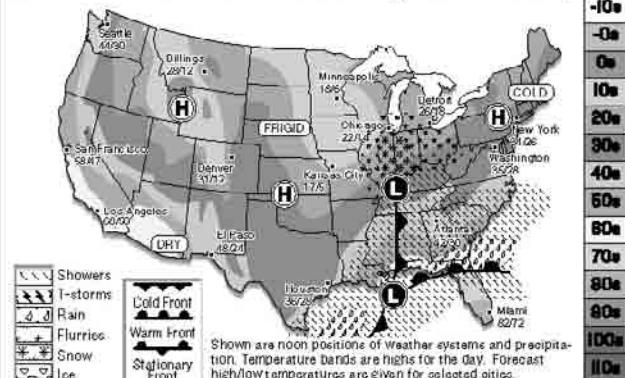
D.C. Metro: Today, increasingly cloudy, cold. High 35. Wind east-northeast 5-10 mph. Tonight, snow arriving late, 3-6 inches. Low 28.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:45 p.m.
Moonset today none



National Weather for Thursday, December 8



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	42/30/1	46/30/pc	Amsterdam	46/39/c	46/37/pc
Boston	32/25/s	32/25/sn	Athens	63/48/pc	61/48/c
Chicago	22/14/sn	26/16/pc	Berlin	41/32/sn	37/27/pc
Dallas	32/18/pc	44/26/s	Buenos Aires	79/60/sh	83/65/s
Denver	31/12/s	38/IR/pc	Calgary	30/28/pc	41/21/pc
Honolulu	83/70/pc	84/69/sn	Dublin	46/43/r	52/45/sh
Los Angeles	68/50/pc	72/50/pc	Geneva	34/28/sn	35/25/sh
Miami	82/72/sh	84/68/sh	Moscow	34/28/sn	30/19/sn
New York City	34/26/s	34/28/sn	Rome	55/48/pc	54/46/r
Orlando	74/62/t	72/54/sn	Sydney	90/64/s	79/63/s
Seattle	44/30/pc	44/32/c	Tokyo	52/43/pc	55/39/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thundershower, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

LOOK out

be surprised by a contact made and a friendship gained — all during the course of a normal day. Count your lucky stars.

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find yourself at the center of attention — unintentionally. Others may ask how you do it? Tell them.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your best-laid plans favor quick thinking and flexibility. If you become too set in your ways, progress will be stymied.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Underlying tensions may be difficult to pinpoint, but don't give up until you have a firm grasp on your emotional condition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may

successfully balance business concerns with the need for a pleasurable outlet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gentle suggestions and a kind word are better for all concerned. Insistence and stubbornness will only bring trouble.

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'Eddie, We've Been Married Too Long. People Will Talk'

VALERIE BERTINELLI and EDDIE VAN HALEN are divorcing after 24 years of marriage, Bertinelli's publicist confirmed Tuesday. "They have been separated for four years and it's amicable," said Bertinelli's spokeswoman. A divorce petition that Bertinelli, 45, filed Tuesday cited irreconcilable differences. (AP)

MEL

In Dutch, With Subtitles

MEL GIBSON's latest project may be a nonfiction TV movie set during the Holocaust. Gibson's production company is developing "Flory," based on the true story of Flory Van Beek, a Dutch Jew, and the non-Jewish boyfriend who hid her from the Nazis. Gibson's



father is on the record as a Holocaust denier. "For [Gibson] to be associated with this movie is cause for concern," said Rafael Medoff of the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. (AP)



REUNION

Muse He Can Use

EMINEM told a Detroit radio show Tuesday that he is back together with his ex-wife and may remarry. Eminem went through an ugly divorce and custody battle over his young daughter with Kimberly Mathers. They married in 1999, and their divorce was finalized in 2001. During the interview, he referred to Kimberly Mathers, 30, as "my wife, Kim." (AP)

DENOUEMENT

The Truth About Diamonds: They're Returnable

NICOLE RICHIE and her fiance, Adam Goldstein, have called off their nine-month engagement. Richie's publicist confirmed Wednesday that the couple have split. She said the breakup had been in the

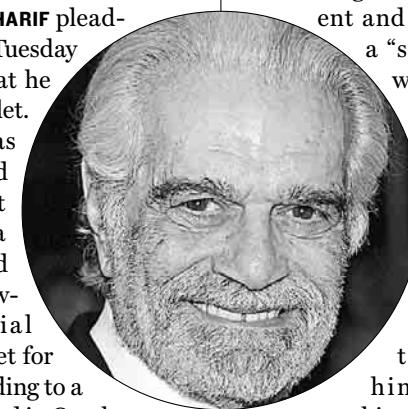
works for several days. Richie and Goldstein, a professional club DJ who goes by the name DJ AM, had dated for a year before becoming engaged last February. (AP)



CONFUSION

European Union, California, Potato, Patahoo

Actor OMAR SHARIF pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges that he assaulted a valet. Sharif, 73, was not required to be in court and his plea was entered through his lawyer. A pretrial hearing was set for Jan. 10. According to a civil lawsuit filed in October by the valet, Sharif was leaving a steakhouse in Beverly Hills, Calif.,

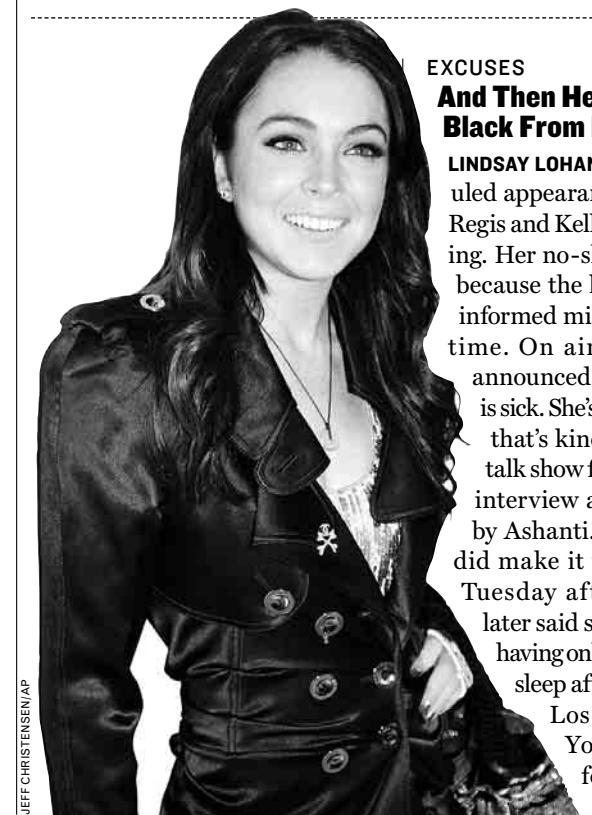


on June 11 when the actor became upset that his Porsche SUV was not waiting. Sharif was belligerent and called the valet a "stupid Mexican" when he refused to accept a 20 euro note, the lawsuit claimed. Juan Anderson, the Guatemalan immigrant who is suing, alleged Sharif then punched him. Anderson is seeking \$50,000 in civil penalties, unspecified damages and attorney fees. (AP)

EXCUSES

And Then Her Hair Turned Black From Her Lies

LINDSAY LOHAN missed a scheduled appearance on "Live with Regis and Kelly" Tuesday morning. Her no-show was unusual because the live program was informed minutes after showtime. On air, Regis Philbin announced: "Lindsay Lohan is sick. She's not coming. Well, that's kind of a blow." The talk show filled time with an interview and performance by Ashanti. The 19-year-old did make it to MTV's "TRL" Tuesday afternoon. Lohan later said she was very tired, having only gotten two hours sleep after her plane from Los Angeles to New York was delayed for several hours. (AP)

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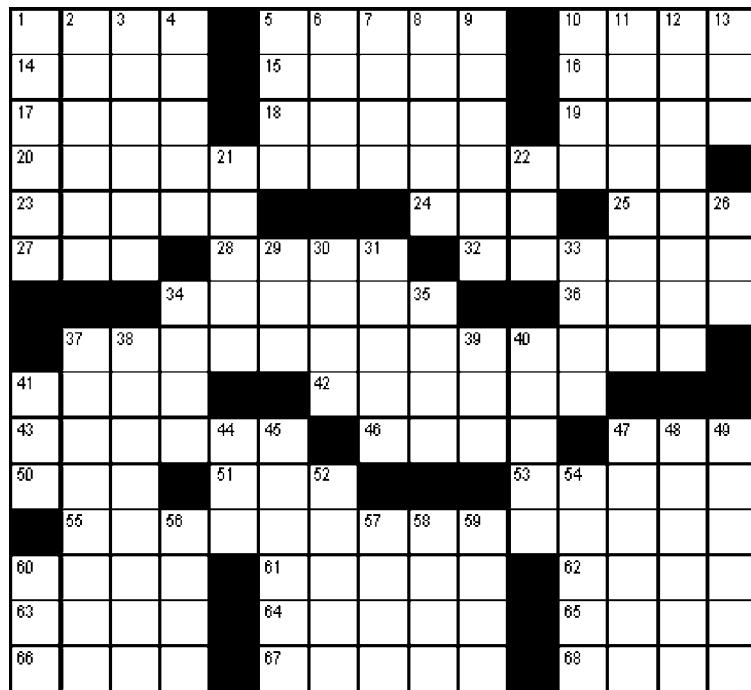
ACROSS

1 Ravel
5 It could be a strong defense
10 Grammy category
14 Not at the expected time
15 Up and about
16 Nastase of tennis
17 Macao money
18 Hotelier
Helmsley
19 Digestive aid
20 Joe Simon hit song
23 Grind, as teeth
24 "Dick and Jane" verb
25 Tuck partner
27 Swimmer with a charge
28 Words with way or hurry
32 Bean-producing trees
34 Wagnerian heroine
36 Sicilian erupter
37 What duffers play, often
41 Catastrophic
42 Where contestants know the ropes?
43 One way to stand
46 Statistician's calculation
47 Hallucination drug
50 CIA's precursor
51 Country butter?
53 Sports page feature
55 A day and a half
60 Predicament

61 Dialect of a region
62 "It seemed like a good ___ at the time!"
63 Well for the French
64 She's on TV for a spell?
65 Waste at a foundry
66 Med school subj.
67 Advantages
68 Youngster

DOWN

1 Projecting rim
2 Narrow, steep-sided valley
3 Discordant, musically
4 Some Twenty Questions replies
5 One of the musical Guthries
6 Stead
7 "The heat ___!"
8 Relents
9 "Be right with you!"
10 See eye to eye
11 Estrange
12 Too many to count
13 Capital of Zimbabwe?
21 Participate in an Internet scam
22 Sympathy partner
26 Largest book of the OT
29 Part of a famous soliloquy
30 Certain baseballer, for short

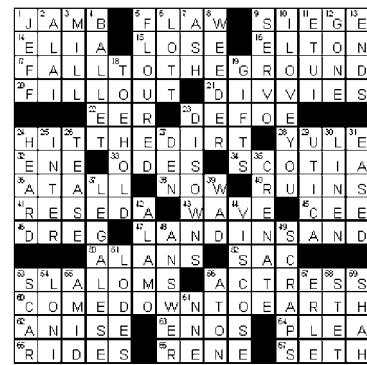


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45 Grammatical case
47 So everyone can hear
48 Run in the raw
49 Prescription notation
52 Paul Petersen hit of 1963
54 Lifting device
56 Fails to be
57 Belt it out
58 Actress Skye
59 Present time, briefly
60 Exec's degree, perhaps

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

1863 President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

1980 Rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

1987 The "intifadeh" (Arabic for uprising) by Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories began.

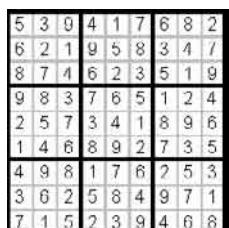
1993 President Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

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NAME: Robert Sabuda
GIG: Author, illustrator and paper engineer; co-creator of "Encyclopedia Prehistorica"

OVER THE PAST dozen years, the pop-up book has metamorphosed. It has gotten fatter, denser, more extravagant in the unbelievable intricacy of its inventions. This development is due in no small way to the efforts of New York artists and writers Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart. Together and individually, the duo has helped redefine the medium, as pop-up artists have become "paper engineers." Saturday, Sabuda and Reinhart bring their latest joint creation, "Dinosaurs," the first of three volumes in their "Encyclopedia Prehistorica," to the National Museum of Natural History and to Politics & Prose.

How does the division of labor break down?

For something like "Dinosaurs," Matt created the manuscript first, wrote it, did all the research for it. I created the engineering, the three-dimensional work, the pop-up work, based on certain things he would tell me: It would move like this, it would move like that. And then when it came time for the finished color artwork, Matt created that. But, of course, it's not quite as cut-and-dried as I'm making it sound. It's much more loose, flowing.

How has pop-up publishing changed over the past decade?

For a long time — in the '70s, '80s and even into the '90s — pop-up books' greatest consideration was the cost. The golden rule was to make the book cost X amount of money. And since we don't work that way, I feel like we're much freer to explore a variety of subject matter, a variety of pop-ups, a variety of the illustrative work. We've just been



PAPER, SCISSORS ROCK: Sabuda, left, with Reinhart and two of their extravaganzas.

given much more freedom to do it, and I think that that allows us to create better work. And the reading public is much more interested in better work than in price point.

How does your work fit into the historical tradition of pop-ups?

There was a time in the late 1800s when pop-up books were much more elaborate, and then they sort

of waned out of interest, because new interesting things were happening in the world, like television and radio. But I think that today ... at least for many parents, there's a little bit of a backlash against that: OK, my kids have DVDs and video players and all this other electronic stuff, but I don't want them to forget about books or [how to] enjoy and love books. Our books are filling a

"The work that we create here is, as goofy as it sounds, for the child in us."

need for that multimedia, interactive book form that's still fun and enjoyable and an artwork.

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MUSIC | Not just anyone can rock a pair of leather shorts. Dick Cheney? God forbid. Dave Gahan? Born to wear fine Corinthian hotpants.

As Depeche Mode's frontman for the last quarter-century, Gahan is a master of melancholy. The sort of melancholy that makes young depressives of both sexes spend hours in the mirror perfecting the eyeliner and squeezing into leather shorts. With considerably less success in most cases, to judge from the legions of gothy fans who flood '80s dance nights. And who will pack the Patriot Center this Friday.

But that's what not makes Gahan and Co. professional melancholi-



DRIVEN MAD: Gahan, at wheel, and his cohorts in spreading sweet melancholy.

acs — it's those anthems of sweet despair.

"Playing the Angel," their 12th album, walks the fine line between

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Don't forget "John the Revelator," not the traditional blues stomp but Gore's pounding refutation of it, complete with actual guitars and gospel choir. It's a highlight, even if it does rhyme "Revelator" with "elevator." Factor in the leather shorts for that Sexy Lapsed Catholic effect and call it a career. BOB MASSEY

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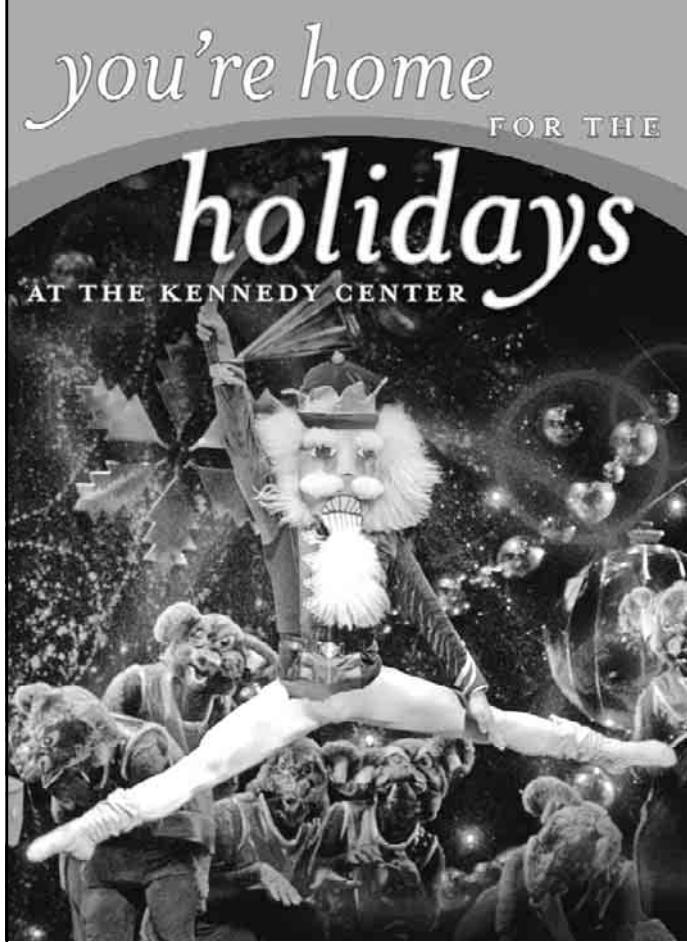
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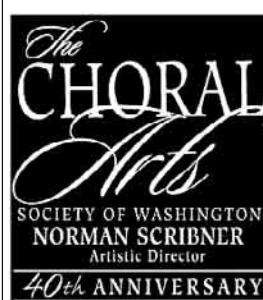
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Sean Paul wants to rock your body and get back to his roots

MUSIC | So Damian Marley's newfound U.S.-sized fame thanks to breakout single "Welcome to Jamrock" could be an indication that America's quest for reggae doesn't always end sweaty on a dance floor — Jr. Gong's late papa aside. Unfortunately, we wouldn't know. We've been busy dusting off our sexy-yet-comfortable heels impatiently awaiting Sean Paul's follow-up to 2002's Grammy-winning "Dutty Rock."

And finally after taking his sweet time, Sir Sean Paul Henrques — his born name minus the Sir — blesses dancehall fiends with 2005's much-craved "The Trinity." Suddenly the lighter waving and side-to-side swaying invoked by "Jamrock" ceased and Paul's dancehall riddims regained their place atop the pop charts.

"Trinity" may cost Paul some of the near-six-million-records-sold-American fan base "Dutty Rock" afforded him — with its slight pop-departure toward a more aggressive sound, exchanging big-name producers like Sly & Robbie and the Neptunes for lesser-knowns like Michael Jarrett and Craig Parks. And "We Be Burnin," the lead single off the album, has yet to reach the number-one-single heights of 2002's "Gimme the Light."

Then again, maybe down-tempo tunes like "Never Gonna Be the Same" — a tribute to a slain friend gunned down earlier this year — will bring back Paul's true-to-the-roots Kingston cronies lost in the mist of "Dutty Rock's" crossover success.

Lucky for those who simply want to "Make It Clap" less the intrusion of the artist's social conscience, Sean Paul only aims to please Sean Paul — as well as the club-hoppers and the ladies, of course. "It don't really matter to me," Paul told MTV.com of his fellow-Jamaican critics' scorn, "You know why? Pop means pop-



REGGAE ROYALTY: The self-proclaimed "ambassador of dancehall" brings his signature booty-shaking riddims to 9:30 Club.

ANTHONY MANDLER

Good news for the set that can only take their reggae through a pop filter — "The Trinity" is not a portent of a pop-less/raw-sounding/politically-charged/locks-in-place-of-cornrows Sean Paul.

Certainly Sean Paul is not the first dancehall sensation to give them a run on American soil; Yellowman, Shabba Ranks, Buju Banton, Supercat, Shaggy and Bennie Man are just a few of his

predecessors that enjoyed a taste of crossover success.

But if Paul hopes to remain pop-culture's favorite patois-spitter, he's got to stick to the formula: Dancehall riddims plus hip-hop production equals heavy rotation, at least on America's radio waves.

Sure it seems the perfect recipe for an album chockfull of unoriginal beat-clashes, but the success of "Dutty Rock" proves this false, as do the standard synth sounds,

uncomplicated beats and the lack of media attention for this year's "Trinity."

Still strap/lace/zip up those freshly-polished shoes. While songs from "The Trinity" may not have enough hooks to warrant excessive airplay, your hips will be none the wiser. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V. St. NW; Sun., 7:30 p.m., \$35, with Ms. Triniti; 703-218-6500. (USt.-Cardozo)

Top Stops

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Julie Kent is lighter than snow as the Sugarplum Fairy.

ABT's 'Nutcracker': Glitterati

American Ballet Theater artistic director Kevin McKenzie pulls out all the stops for this year's production of "The Nutcracker" — sparkle, polish, grandeur, a timeless story and a great showcase for some of the finest and most diverse dancing around. Best of all, the luminous Julie Kent makes life sweeter in her role as the Sugarplum Fairy.

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The Language of Love: From Quarks to Cosmos

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Hero in Curly Shoes

'Elf' is a rare modern holiday film — absurd and heartwarming

FILM | Hey kids, you wanna hear the tale of a cotton-headed ninny-muggins named Buddy? Yes, he's an elf. Well, actually he's a six-foot man raised by Santa's tiny elves at the North Pole.

Shot in the fleeting moments before Will Ferrell began to irredeemably suck, *"Elf"* (2003) is a convocation of comic geniuses masquerading as a holiday movie for kids. Bob Newhart's dry existential wit nails Papa Elf's mixed feelings for useless adopted son, Buddy. Ed Asner's crusty Santa Claus barely even protests the drought of childhood wonder that saps his sleigh of magical flying power. Amy Sedaris' hapless receptionist constantly barges in on her boss. As inept kid lit authors, Andy Richter and Kyle Gass (Jack Black's partner in Tenacious D) obsess over talk-



THIS ONE IS JUST RIGHT: Will Ferrell plays Buddy the elf in *"Elf,"* overgrown manboy with an irrepressible love of Christmas.

ing vegetables. And four-foot-seven Peter Dinklage administers a world-class beatdown on Will Ferrell.

It's Ferrell's deranged glee that

allows him to stand in this hallowed company. His elven manboy bestows gratuitous hugs, sings badly improvised songs,

and even tickles freaking Sonny Corleone, uh, James Caan, who plays his long-lost father. "You sit on a throne of lies," Ferrell hisses

before he assaults an unconvincing department store Santa. And his looney fish-out-of-water reactions to New York almost convince the viewer that Zooey Deschanel could fall for this oaf.

There are even inside jokes for the grownups. Hepcat Leon Redbone voices an homage to Burl Ives' Sam the Snowman, from the animated *"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."* Then, when Ferrell first latches onto Deschanel's department store elf character, she asks "Did Crumpet put you up to this?" Crumpet being David Sedaris' elf name in his breakthrough short story, *"The Santaland Diaries."*

There's ostensibly a storyline. "Buddy takes it upon himself to win over his family, realize his destiny and, ultimately, save Christmas for New York and the world." Oh, and also to magically bag Deschanel, who's apparently turned on by men in yellow tights.

Dude, no one cares. No one even notices the ridiculous plot. The joy of this Christmas story is in a grown man begging James Caan to tuck him into bed. **BOB MASSEY**

→ *AFI Silver*, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Sat., 10 a.m., free; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)

RoadTrip

Five Strings of American History

'Picturing the Banjo' tackles a tricky American music icon

OUT & ABOUT | Washington's status as a bluegrass center is well established, but its standing as a nexus of banjo activity could use a little publicity. Outside the five-string subculture, few people recognize that the D.C. area is home to one of the best banjo shops (Turtle Hill Banjo Company), old-time banjo players (Reed Martin) and banjo luthiers (Kevin Enoch) in the country.

So it's appropriate that *"Picturing the Banjo,"* a fascinating show that traces the imagery of the instrument through several centuries of fine and popular art, should debut this weekend at the Corcoran.

True banjo fiends will find much to salivate over, from William Sidney Mount's renowned 1856



The Corcoran pictures the banjo through paintings, ad displays and other media.

portrait "The Banjo Player," presented as "perhaps the first non-caricatured image of an African

banjoist to be produced in America," to a number of unique instruments dating back to the days when min-

strelsy was the epitome of popular entertainment.

But you don't have to have callused fingertips to appreciate the lessons here. The banjo is a direct descendant of the gourd instruments brought from Africa by slaves. Consequently, the banjo became a prominent rhetorical device in the campaign of white racism.

Currents of ridicule, appropriation and subversion are followed through paintings, sculptures, illustrations, Currier & Ives prints and sheet music covers. Today the banjo is often used to stereotype poor whites. One need only hum a few notes of "Dueling Banjos" to get a "Deliverance" joke going.

But that's a whole 'nother story.

GLENN DIXON

→ *Corcoran Gallery*, 500 17th St. NW; Sat. through March 5; 202-639-1700. (Farragut North/Farragut West)



Smooth Yule

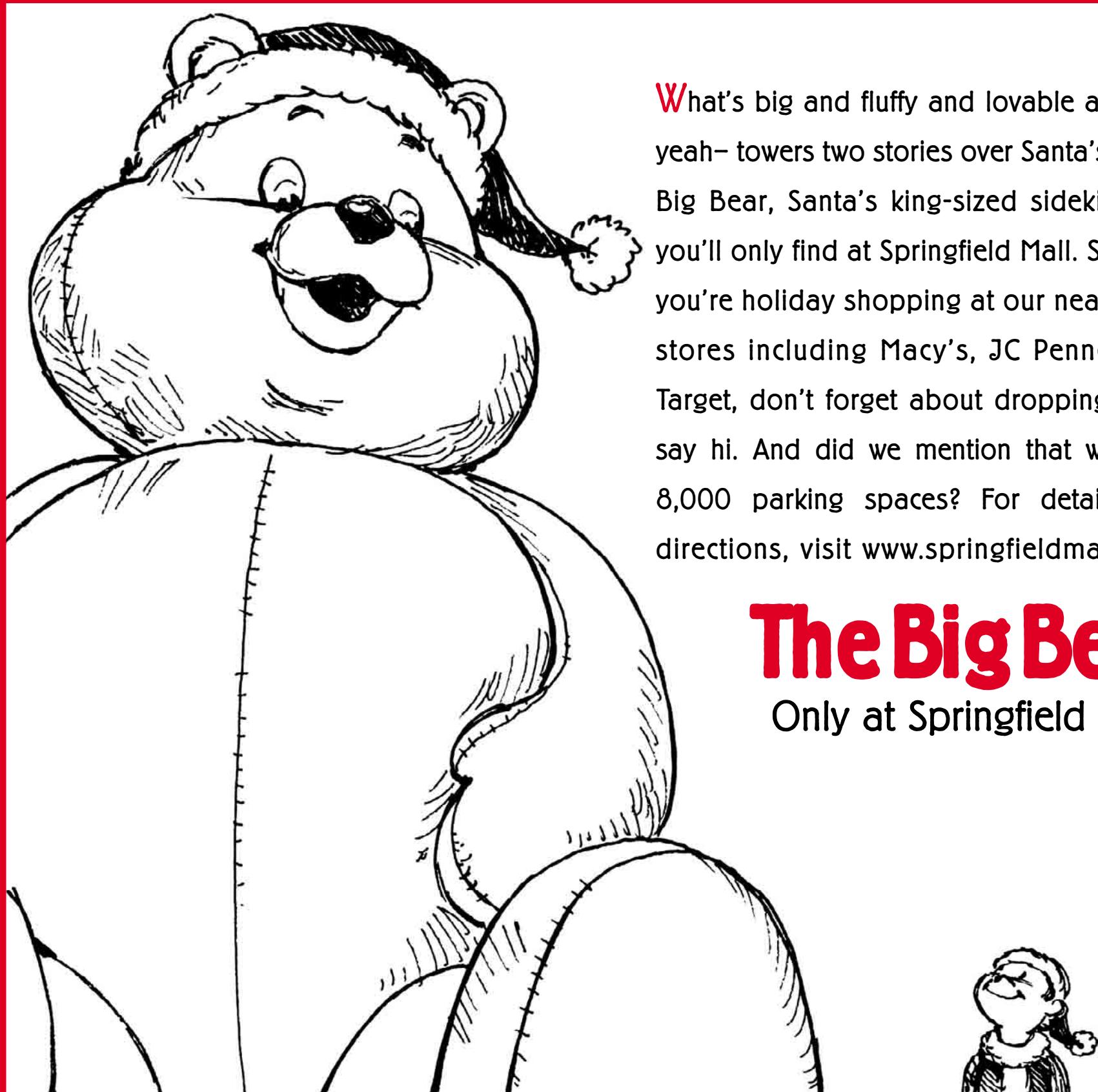
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WHEN: Thu., 8 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$65; 301-952-7900.

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Keep Your Spirits Up: NSO Pops Sings

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Marvin Hamlisch conducts NSO Pops.

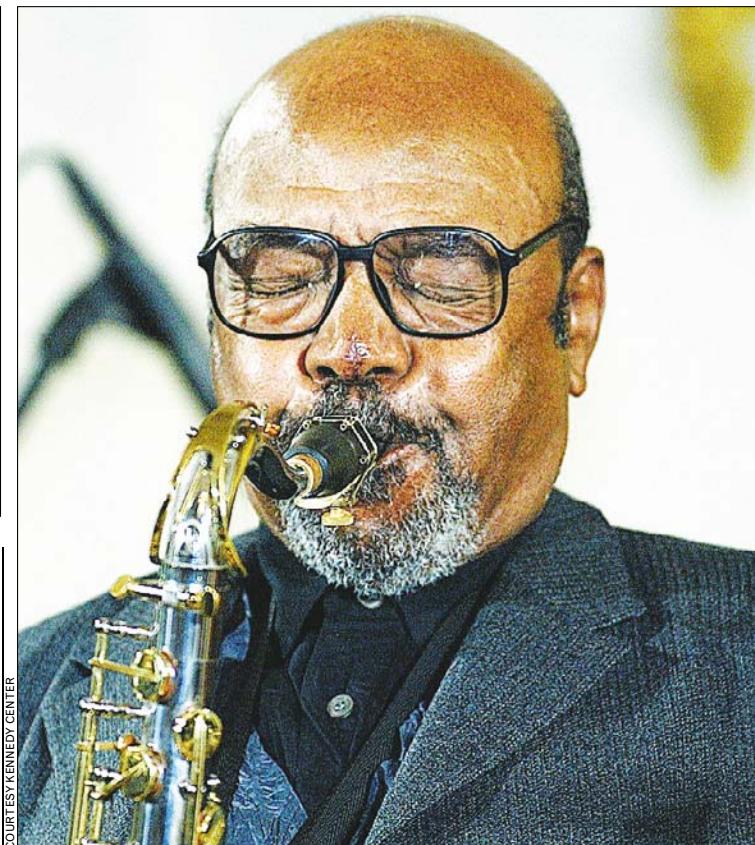
Reindeer" does not appear on the program.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu.-Sun., \$20-\$80. (Foggy Bottom)

The Number of the Beast: Three 6 Mafia

Some 15 years into their career, ever-evolving titans of Memphis Three 6 Mafia continue to score huge hits with hardcore rap — all the more impressive due to MTV's conspicuous lack of support. Hip-hoppers lap up these Southern-rock progenitors' odes to sex, violence and prescription cough syrup. Dem Franchise Boys, the group behind the single "White Tee," opens.

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MUSIC | If VH-1 ever did a piece on James Moody, it would have likely pegged him as a "one-hit wonder." Why? Because to most pop-music fans, their only reference would probably be his 1952 version of "Moody's Mood for Love," which showcased Eddie Jefferson's hilarious vocal improvisation.

Moody originally recorded the song as "I'm in the Mood for Love" in 1949, highlighting his prowess on tenor saxophone. But it's the 1952 version, which has stuck with him throughout his more than half-century career. And if he was a pop star rather than a jazz legend, the song would be the type of annoying mega-hit that haunts musicians.

Fortunately, Moody's jazz legacy isn't so rigidly hinged on that one song. With significant dates

with Miles Davis, Max Roach and Dizzy Gillespie, Moody is a bona fide bebop hero, whose deft technique on tenor saxophone and flute continues to inspire.

As a solo artist, he's recorded his share of landmark LPs, most notably "Hi-Fi Party" (1955) and *Last Train From Overbrook* (1958).

Even though he turned 80 this year in March, Moody's celebrating at birthday this Saturday at the Kennedy Center. Danny Glover will host the event, while other jazz greats such as saxophonist Jimmy Heath, trumpeter Roy Hargrove and trombonist Slide Hampton, among others, will join in the revelry.

Of course you'll hear "Moody's Mood for Love," but this event will surely reveal far more artistry from the guest of honor. JOHN MURPH

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MUSIC | There's a reason they're called the Cassettes. The band headlining at Iota this Friday — along with Aquarium, Disconnect, the Caverns and Planar — isn't named after a more sophisticated piece of technology because its style is lo-fi, hands-on, global in outlook and treated as a trade, like cobbling or blacksmithing.

Many D.C. scene stalwarts have gone into the final making of the Cassettes, from Dead Meadow, to Weird War to singer Shelby Cinca's former bands, monumental post-punkers Frodus, which Cinca calls "kind of screamy" proto-emo, and the politically minded Decahedron with Fugazi's Joe Lally.

The Cassettes' willful eclecticism was honestly earned. The son of Romanian refugees and an internationalist in more than his musi-



ATTACK OF THE KILLER RIFFS: Shelby Cinca, foreground, and his merry crew of Cassettes, always ready to defend their art.

cal tastes, Cinca amassed his funky little posse from far-flung places: Percussionist Saadat Awan rocks the table and drum kit, Stephen Guidry plays sizzling Cajun-style accordion and an analog synth, Cinca's former school-pal Tom Bernath is on bass, after a real-world education playing jazz on cruise ships and in Europe.

So throw anything at a Cassette — it'll only make him stronger. The band has busked in New York, headlined in D.C. "We've done quieter shows where we played a planetarium in Takoma Park," said Cinca. "We played at a tea place in New York, where we had to do two-hour sets."

Even if his former bands inspired mad loyalty among D.C.'s hardcore fan base, some molds had to be created and destroyed on the way to the founding of the Cassettes, Cinca said — that's part of the art process.

"Frodus was all about being super-futuristic; I think this band is the total opposite. Someone called us musical anthropologists. I think that's kinda nice."

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

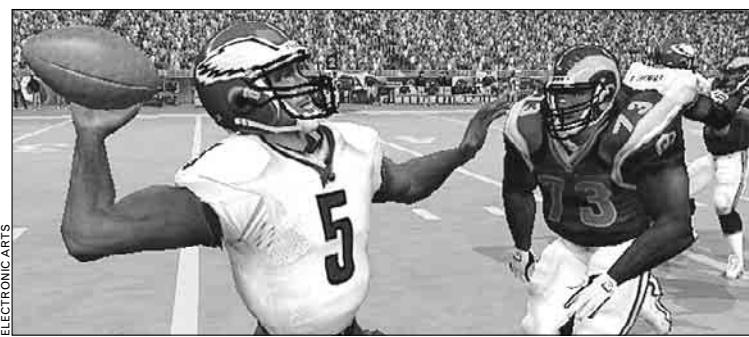
→ *Iota Club & Cafe, 2831 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Fri., 9:30 p.m., \$10; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)*

Mad About Madden

It's you versus a Wizard on Madden '06's virtual field

OUT & ABOUT | For most of us, the prospect of an under the rim skirmish with Washington Wizards seven-footer Brendan Haywood would be like Pee-wee Herman going a few rounds with King Kong. Thankfully, at the Wizards Madden Tournament on Friday at MCI Center, one lucky gamer will safely engage Haywood within the electronic confines of a PlayStation 2. Instead of the hardwood, contestants will take to the virtual field of EA Sports' blockbuster video game Madden '06.

The single-elimination tournament requires advance registration and boasts plenty of goodies. While each participant or specta-



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tor receives a ticket to the Wizards-Bulls matchup that evening, only to see the champ go the true spoils.

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If these enticements don't provoke a registration (at wizards.com), one prize might seal

the deal: The tourney victor will be awarded a custom-made Washington Wizards Madden championship belt. Still not enough to take the plunge? Friday is Antawn Jamison bobblehead night at MCI.

CRAIG SMITH

→ *MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sat., 10 a.m., \$30 spectator, \$40 participant; 202-628-3200. (Gallery Place)*

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PRETTY ON THE OUTSIDE: Seattle quintet Pretty Girls Make Graves may look classy, but their guitars are pure trash, their vocals (by Andrea Zollo) nothing but tease, tease, tease. Be seduced at the Black Cat on Thursday.

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One Man's Trash

Down-and-out in Vietnam with some gritty new films

FILM | Over the past decade or so, U.S. moviegoers have been warming up to Vietnam. Anh Hung Tran has won an art-house following with languid, lushly lensed tone poems such as "The Scent of Green Papaya" and "The Vertical Ray of the Sun."

But there is another Vietnam, a gritty world of cyclo drivers, trash pickers and flower sellers hustling to survive. Sunday, the Freer's ongoing "Views of Vietnam" series presents "King of Rubbish Dumps," Do Minh Tuan's 2002 feature about a thuggish dump boss who rescues a street vendor from a burgeoning career as a prostitute only to let his jealousy get the better of him.

The film leans toward the maudlin and its writing, acting and production values aren't yet ready for prime time, but it has a couple of



LOVE AMONG THE RUINS: "Rubbish Dumps" doesn't have the polish of other imports, but the dirt gets under your fingernails.

things going for it. Thing 1: Trong wheels around in a chromed-up Jeep that looks like a gift from "Pimp My Ride for 300,000 Dong" (about \$19 U.S.).

Thing 2: The subtitles are hilarious. When the delicate Thuy explains her predicament (selling herself to buy medicine for her dying mother), we read, "I don't know what I should do. My mom is always sick. Dad's gambling and drunken all the time. I can't afford by selling banana flower." To protest Trong's strong-arming of the trash pickers, she offers a demure "I can not get used to extorting for money."

Granted, there are cultural differences at play, many of which will be explained by guest lecturer Kim Worthy, professor of film and media studies at Wagner College.

Still, Bui Thac Chuyen's accompanying 2000 short, "Night Cyclo Trip," is more readily taken on its own terms. To say that this dreamlike melding of ghost story and underworld mission quest winds up right where it started is to give nothing away at all. **GLENN DIXON**

→ *Freer Gallery, Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; Sun., 2 p.m., free (two tickets per person distributed one hour before); 202-633-4880. (Smithsonian)*

Spiritual Harmonies

Positive Force rolls out the pop guns to help local seniors

BENEFIT | Without much fanfare the basement of American University's Kay Spiritual Life Center has become an established live-music venue. The sounds of two of the region's best pop-rock groups, Karmella's Game and Pash, will fill the room Saturday.

Karmella's Game is the master of infectious synth riffs and vocal harmonies. Keyboard maestro Katie Osinsky says that her group makes "energetic pop;" true enough — it would take a cold heart indeed to turn aside from their promise of endless fun.

Guitarist Damian Nopoulos has such a heart. He will soon leave



GREG JARDIN
The Game looks happier onstage.

the gleefully cheesy band to dedicate himself to Baltimore's punk-metal machine Devil's Radio. Nopoulos reports that his replace-

ment is moving from Arizona to play in the Game.

Fredericksburg's Pash plays a more prickly pop, vacillating among emotional alt-rock, sneer-free pop-punk and other styles, but an appreciation for pretty melodies underlies it all.

Positive Force, long the preferred charity of local punks, will use these acts, four others and a flea-market to raise funds for needy seniors. The gig is also a forum for P.F. to drum up interest in a large conference on social revolution they've planned for next year. **TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)**

→ *American University, Kay Spiritual Life Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; with Assassinate Caesar!, Aimee (of Des_Ark), more; Sat., 5 p.m., \$5 (\$4 with food donation).*

GALLERIES | THE DR. IS IN



COURTESY PATRICK MITCHELL
THE POL IN THE MALL: Dr. Seuss was more than a friendly guy with a quirky way of enchanting kids; he was quite the politically engaged poster artist and political cartoonist, as a new exhibit at P&C Fine Art Gallery shows.

Fulfilling A Fantasy

Tilda Swinton brings grandeur to her glacial role in 'Narnia'

THE DARK SIDE | "For evil to be truly evil, it also has to be beautiful," said Tilda Swinton, who plays the White Witch in Disney's "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

The striking, patrician London native has given a great deal of thought to the nature of evil. But the key to the White Witch is her "coldness," Swinton continued.

"She is emotionally removed and unshakeable. She never raises her voice."

"Narnia," based on the first of C.S. Lewis' fantasy adventures, recounts what happens when four British siblings slip through a magical wardrobe into an enchanted world overflowing with mythological creatures and talking animals. Still, it is by no means an idyllic place.

In some ways paralleling the kids' home in bombed-out World War II London, Narnia is beset by evil in the person of the brutal



TRAVELING IN STYLE: Swinton is appropriately regal as the White Witch of Narnia.

White Witch.

Throughout their adventures, the kids learn a host of life lessons, including the cost of betray-

al and the values of reconciliation and forgiveness.

Swinton, 45, is identified with independent filmmakers like Sally

Potter, Lynn Hershman-Leeson, Tim Roth, Robert Lepage and especially Derek Jarman.

Regardless of genre, the actress approaches every role with the same technique: "All characters are constructs, whether they are suburban mothers, archangels, witches or 18th-century noblemen," she said. "They all work within the confines of a story, and it's our job to figure out what role the character plays within that story."

Swinton hopes audiences enjoy watching the film as much as she enjoyed making it. "I'd like them to walk away from the picture reminded that when the chips are down, one can draw on one's own resources and that being alone is not the worst thing in the world."

"Yes, it's true; these kids have each other. But a family is made up of individuals — individuals with resources," she said. "The film also reminds audiences that forgiveness is the only option."

SIMI HORWITZ (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Readers of the novels may be disappointed by the omissions, but they'll enjoy the large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction.

DESSON THOMSON

2 Aeon Flux

With the exception of a few enjoyable action scenes, this sci-fi adventure is surprisingly draggy. But Charlize Theron is appropriately slinky.

DESSON THOMSON

3 Walk the Line

For all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations, this biopic slides slowly downhill into a conventional Hollywood staple. ANN HORNADAY

4 Yours, Mine & Ours

This comedy has a nice message about blended families, but the storyline is far too familiar. DESSON THOMSON

5 Just Friends

A not-too-bad romantic comedy in



LEASE OUT: Rosario Dawson gyrates, but "Rent" is too static for its lively subject.

which the guy perennially cast in high school as the "best friend" tries to face his past. STEPHEN HUNTER

6 Pride & Prejudice

Joe Wright's version of the Jane Austen novel is a boisterous, loud, dance-mad place, and Keira Knightley as Lizzie Bennet is a force of nature.

STEPHEN HUNTER

7 Rent

Chris Columbus labors mightily to make this movie feel like something that bubbled up from the mean streets of Alphabet City, but the songs end up leaving you flat. NELSON PRESSLEY

Indies & Arties

At AFI Silver

The Ernst Lubitsch film festival comes to a close with a Thursday screening of "To Be or Not to Be." The Louis Malle retrospective's last gasp is "Au Revoir, les Enfants," also Thursday. But the big news at AFI Silver Theatre this weekend is the one-week-only engagement, starting Friday, of Claud Berri's stunning "The Two of Us," about a young boy and an old man (French legend Michel Simon) during the Occupation.

→ *AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.*

The Big Lift'

National Film Registry presents a neorealist look at the Berlin airlift. This raw 1950 drama depicts the American act of bravery and the German people's patience and resolve in the face of horrifying circumstances. Shot on location in Germany.

→ *Library of Congress, Mary Pickford Theater, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Fri., 7 p.m.; 202-707-5677.*

Three Holiday Shorts

The pun-based cartoon "Olive the Other Reindeer," puppet-driven "Chanukah at Bubbe's" and 1965 classic "A



Olive is a doggie who believes she can save Christmas — and she may be right.

"Charlie Brown Christmas" make up a trio of holiday film only a Scrooge couldn't love. They screen on Saturday at 10 a.m.

'Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity' (Fu Lu Shou)

This Canadian comedy by Mina Shum ("Double Happiness") stars Sandra Oh as a single mother whose daughter invokes mystical routes to find Mom a boyfriend. The film is presented by Asian Cinevision.

→ *The above films are at the Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-966-6000.*

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Black Cat: Pretty Girls Make Graves, the Double, Tangiers, 8:30 p.m., \$12.

Blues Alley: Joshua Redman 8 & 10 p.m., \$38.

Crossroads: The Young Boss, DJ Alizay, Jet Lee, Zone One, DJ Majestic, 5 p.m., free before 9 p.m.

DC9: Alec Gross and the Districts, These United States, Steven Capozzola, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

Five: Latin party, 10 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Bob Somerby, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

Iota Club & Cafe: Akron/Family, Kitty Hawk, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Lucky Day, 8 p.m., \$8.

Kennedy Center: Ole Edvard Antonsen (Norwegian Visions), 6 p.m., free, Millennium Stage. National Symphony Orchestra Pops: Happy Holidays, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Nation: Alchemy/A.L.I.A.S., 8 p.m.

9:30 Club: Children of Bodom, Trivium, Amon Amarth, 8 p.m., \$15.

Platinum: Reggae-Reggaeton, DJs QicSilver, Smokey Joe, Jose.

Republic Gardens: The Movement featuring DJs Sam "The Man" Burns & Dub Ell, 8 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Santa Jam 9: Benefit for homeless women & childrens and victims of domestic violence, with members of the Nighthawks, Mary Ann Redmond Band,

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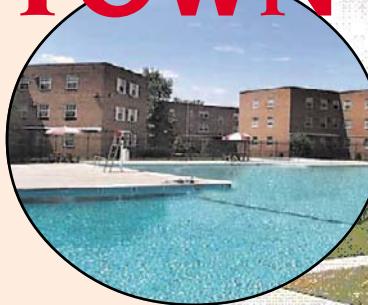
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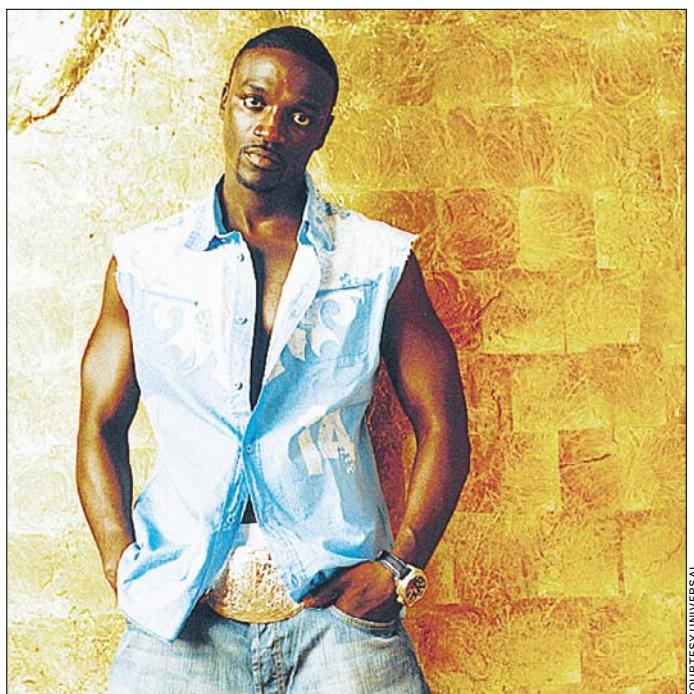


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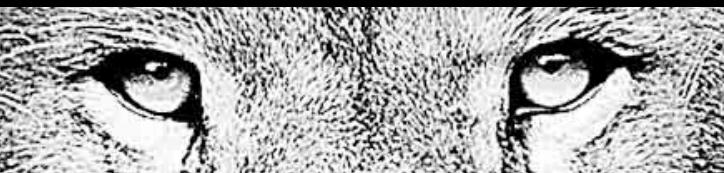
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Why Don't You Look It Up?

→ **IN ORDER TO FIND** out more about author David Vise and his new book, we here at the Express Research Facility turned to www.google.com — and that's

pretty much all you need to know about Vise's "The Google Story." The Washington Post reporter tracks the progress of the brainchild of crunchy billionaires Larry Page and Sergey Brin from useful computer tool for specialists to faintly dingy-sounding verb to profit-spewing life necessity somewhere between water and shelter. Vise will be at the 18th and L streets Borders on Friday discussing the killer application that virtually redeemed the Internet as a money-making, do-gooding proposition. If Brin and Page set out to make life a little better, as they claim, they ended up accomplishing so much more. Just ask any high-school student, potential date, journalist or bargain shopper.

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GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 7:05, 9:40

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GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' (R) 2:45
CHICKEN LITTLE (G) 2:05, 4:00

COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
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SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
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COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Voco Rd near Route 68.
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COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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ACADEMY 8

Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
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The Scene

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Improv: Bob Somerby, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$17.**Iota Club & Café:** Hungry for Music benefit feat. the Brindley Brothers, Timothy Braken Complex, the U-Liners, Fire-Dean, 9:30 p.m., \$10.**Jammin' Java:** Randy Waller and the Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., \$12 (advance). The Dreamscapes Project, Saturn Down, Vicious Martinis, 9:30 p.m., \$8.**Jaxx:** Krass Judgement, J.P. Corwyn, Fight the Bear, Eden Burns, Timelord, Melodic Equinox, Cervical Fracture, Erebus, Semiperf, Diegression, 2 p.m., \$10.**Kennedy Center:** Gospel Celebration: Voices Supreme, the Second Generation, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra Pops: Happy Holidays, 8 p.m., \$20-

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\$80. NPR's Jazz Piano Christmas, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., sold out.

Nation: White Party with DJ Victor Calderone, \$10 p.m., \$15.

9:30 Club: Rusted Root, Justin Jones, the Driving Rain, 9:45 p.m., \$25.

Platinum: Party mix with DJs Gemini, Smokey Joe & Jose, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Republic Gardens: Usual Suspects and Hypnotic Entertainment, 9:30 p.m., \$20 after 11 p.m.

State Theatre: Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers, 9 p.m.

Strathmore: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Strathmore, 8 p.m., \$25.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Radio Kind Orchestra, 6 p.m., \$10.

U-Turn: The Screws, I Live With Zombies, Centerline, Pessimist Parade 9 p.m., \$7.

Velvet Lounge: The Guins, 10 p.m., \$8.

Warehouse Next Door: Voxtrot, Ceremony, the Antiques, 9 p.m., \$7.

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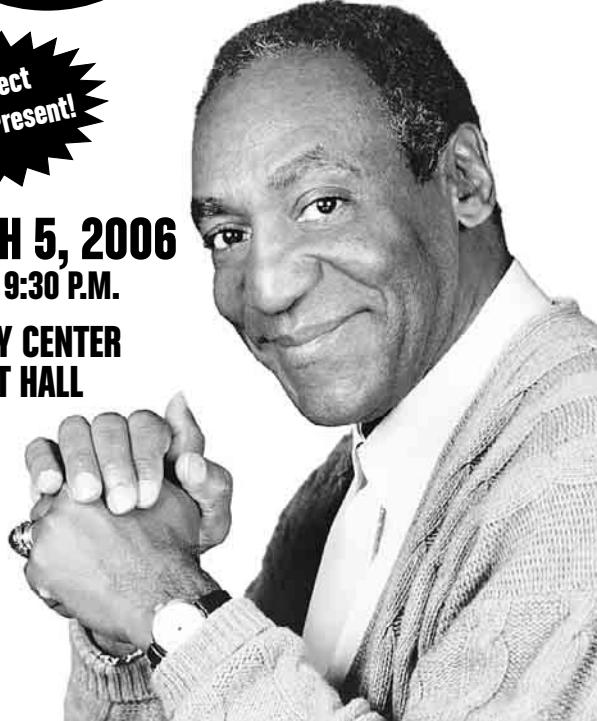
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→ SUNDAY

Birchmere Music Hall: Suzy Bogguss' A Swingin' Little Christmas, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

Black Cat: Cutlery, Des_Ark, 9 p.m., \$5.

Blues Alley: Joshua Redman 8 & 10 p.m., \$38.

Crossroads: Three 6 Mafia, Dem Franchise Boyz, 10 p.m., \$15 before 11.

DC9: Boxcar Collision, Supercade, Paul Kamaran, DJ P. Vo, 9:30 p.m., \$6.

Five: Trade (alt. lifestyles), 9 p.m.

Galaxy Hut: Dan Deacon, the Tasty Habits, Jimes, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Bob Somerby, 8 p.m., \$15.

Iota Club & Café: Iota Poetry Series, 6 p.m., free. City-State, Pontiak, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Five.bolt.main, Shedding Skin, Soul Sledge, Elsium, 6 p.m., \$12.

Kennedy Center: D.C. Youth Orchestra 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra Pops: Happy Holidays, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80. Vocal Arts Society: Frederica von Stade & Richard Stilwell, 7:30 p.m., \$38.50.

9:30 Club: Sean Paul, Ms. Triniti, 8:30 p.m., \$35.

Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini, & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Republic Gardens: Industry Review with Secret Society & Eric, 8 p.m., \$10.

Strathmore: Cantate Chamber Singers Holiday Program, 3 & 7:30 p.m., sold out. Vienna Choir Boys, 3 p.m.

Velvet Lounge: Emergenza Fest feat. Dutch Cousins, Final Obsession, Might Could, Year and a Day, False Trust, Five Days in December, Stendhal, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Zanzibar: Champagne brunch, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25.

→ Sight

America Oh, Yes!: The folk art gallery showcases the rather creepy art of Sandi Mastroni: fantasy-inspired paintings of cats, rabbits, people & more, ongoing. 1700 Connecticut Ave., 202-721-0043.

Anne C. Fisher Gallery: South American Holiday: four South American artists living in D.C. show their work together, through Jan. 13. PostSecret: a fascinating display of secrets people share anonymously, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW, 202-625-7555.

Ann Loed Bronfman Gallery: Aliza Olmet: Tikkun. Broken eggshells are



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Arlington Arts Center: Mori: Go into a dark room and virtually experience the world's geological events occurring at that moment. Seriously. Drawing: Tradition & Innovation, feat. 22 artists, juried, both through Jan. 7. 550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington; 703-248-6800.

Candida's World of Books: Travels with Democracy: Photos by Eric Kessler. The fruit of six years working for the National

Democratic Institute, through Dec. 18. 1541 14th St. NW; 202-667-4811.

Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives: Adolf Cluss, German immigrant turned influential D.C. architect, through Feb. 28. 1201 17th St. NW; 202-442-6060.

Conner Contemporary Art: Wayne Gonzales: New painting, serious, satiric paintings that comment on modern life and politics. Multiples From Editions Fawbush, recent publications by artists including Alexander Ross, Richard Tuttle,

Tony Matelli and Eve Fowler, both through Dec. 16. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: Encouraging American Genius, the gallery's pre-1945 master paintings, through Jan. 2. Sam Liam, A Retrospective, through Jan. 22.

Warhol Legacy, through Feb. 20. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Curator's Office: Me, Myself & I: Artist self-portraits from the Heather & Tony Podesta Collection, through Dec. 17. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008.

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CONTINENTAL CONCERTS & MANAGEMENT

Heading Straight To the Bodom

→ **HIGHLY TECHNICAL FINNISH** metal quintet Children of Bodom headline the 9:30 Club on Thursday. This is good news for those who missed the band opening for Lamb of God last winter. For those unfamiliar with Bodom's kids, they play campy progressive metal, complete with blistering guitar solos, synths reminiscent of video-game music, and angst-ridden lyrics. Cheesiness aside, Bodom are as mean and brutal as possible. What else would you expect from a band whose name references the mysterious 1960 murder of three children at Finland's Lake Bodom? GREGORY RE

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LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center:

Points of Departure: Collage & Paintings by locals Nathan Manual & D. Billy, through Dec. 11. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

Flashpoint: Corcoran College Professor Christopher Williams makes the gallery his own by filling it with his sculptures, creating new barriers, painting on the walls and more, opening reception Thu., through Jan. 14. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Consuming Splendor: Luxury Goods in England (1580-1680), through Dec. 31. 201 East

Capitol St. NE; 202-544-4600.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Winter Group Exhibit: New work by artists represented in the gallery including David FeBland & Maxwell MacKenzie, opening reception Fri. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery

Georgetown: Local hero Scott Hutchison's animated self-portraits, through Dec. 14. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

Imperial Costumes From Ottoman Turkey, through Jan. 22. Gold, the Asian Touch, through Feb. 19. Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom, a site-specific installation, through March 5. Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW;

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RASCALLY RABBITS: There's a lot more where this came from: Irvine Contemporary. Maine College of Art painting chair Sean Foley's work is all similarly whimsical. He'll talk shop Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

202-633-4880.

Fusebox: W.C. Richardson: Set, paintings of complex networks of color and line, through Dec. 17. Jason Gubbotti: WP, whimsical works on paper displayed as an ongoing narrative, through Dec. 17. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

Goethe-Institut: The Art of Being German, young people's photos, through Feb. 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Hemphill Fine Art: William Willis: Paintings & Works on Paper; Mary Early: Sculpture, both through Dec. 23. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hillel's Schusterman International Center: Darfur Drawn: The Conflict of Darfur through Children's Eyes. Sudanese children's drawings, through Jan. 20. 800 8th St. NW; 202-449-6537

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THE DYING GAUL (R) 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50

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Restaurants Ready to Say Goodbye to 2005 in Style

As the end of 2005 draws near, restaurants across town are readying their New Year's Eve menus. And this Dec. 31 will be bittersweet for one of the city's top chefs. Ris Lacoste will be saying goodbye to 1789 to take some time off. Expect Lacoste fans to pack into the historic Georgetown restaurant for the evening, which will be highlighted by oyster and champagne stew with celery, walnuts and ham; medallions of venison with braised red cabbage; and monkfish osso buco served with lobster, risotto and tomato-butter sauce. Seatings, priced at \$75 per person excluding beverages, tax and gratuity, start at 5 p.m.

Just across Rock Creek from Georgetown at the One Washington Circle Hotel, **CIRCLE BISTRO** will serve a five-course lobster-themed meal for \$65 per person, with a \$30 wine pairing option. Expect a Yukon gold potato and Maine lobster gratin,



TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING: Ris Lacoste, the acclaimed chef at 1789, will cook her final meal at the restaurant on Dec. 31.

cappelacci of lobster and leeks, butter-braised lobster with celeriac puree, beef tenderloin and black truffle sauce.

And at the **MELTING POT**, fondue will bookend a four-course meal for \$70 per person that begins at 4 p.m. and lasts through midnight. The first course includes a choice of a fondue featuring Gruyere and Emmenthaler cheeses in a champagne base or Raclette and Fontina cheeses in a marsala and white wine

base with roasted garlic, caramelized onions and porcini mushrooms. Dessert is a chocolate fondue with flaming Bananas Foster, with chocolate dippers including strawberries, bananas, pineapple, cheesecake, nutty marshmallows, pound cake and brownies. While the fondue doesn't include a complimentary gym membership to work off the extra pounds in 2006, it does come with a champagne toast. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

- 1789, 1226 36th St. NW; 202-965-1789.
- Circle Bistro, One Washington Circle; 202-293-5390. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)
- Melting Pot, 1220 19th St. NW; 202-857-0777. (Dupont Circle)

RAW FISH

Belly Up to the Bar For Oya's 'Sushi Hour'

Saving money on raw fish sounds awfully tempting with **OYA**'s new

"Sushi Hour," which offers an array of new sushi at a special price every Monday-Friday. The special menu includes the tuna tempura roll, which has the aforementioned tuna tempura, scallions and seven-pepper sauce, and the rock 'n' roll, with grilled freshwater eel, avocado and cucumber. The Sushi Hour menu is available in the lounge only.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)
→ 777 9th St. NW; 202-393-1400
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TRUFFLES

Like Rare Fungi? Tosca Has A Four-Course Truffle Menu

It's the time of year to eat some really expensive fungus. **RISTORANTE TOSCA**'s Cesare Lanfranconi has created a four-course Alba White Truffle menu for \$135. The menu includes a white-truffle risotto; roasted veal filet stuffed with prosciutto and truffled Fontina; and a red wine-roasted pear stuffed with hazelnut-chocolate and white-truffle-infused honey gelato. The menu is subject to availability. KPK

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Paradiso to Build New Beer Tavern in Georgetown

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There will be 16 beers on tap and about 80 bottles to choose from. In addition, Birreria manager Thor Cheston plans to have a beer engine which will allow for cask ales. Beer lovers can expect a distinctive array of beer offerings, including Cantillon Vigneronne, Brasserie La Choulette Ambree, Arrogant Bastard Ale, A. Le Coq Imperial Extra Double Stout and Unibroue Blanche de Chambly.

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THE JENNA EFFECT

Neighbors Force Town Hall To Close Before Midnight

It's happened. **TOWN HALL** has been scolded by neighbors in Glover Park for late-night merriment. After



Pizzeria Paradiso plans to go from pies to brews with its new Birreria Paradiso.

first twin Jenna Bush was spotted at the new Wisconsin Avenue hot spot and news spread in The Washington Post's Reliable Source and elsewhere, the establishment enjoyed an influx of business, some of it fueled by prepsters basking in the famous daughter's social aura. But as The Hill newspaper reported this week, the late-night fun at the preppy watering hole has run into an obstacle: a clause in its liquor license that is now forcing it to close up shop at 11:30 p.m. But with **BOURBON**, the **GROG AND TANKARD** and two strip clubs just up the street — all with last calls around 3 a.m. on the weekends — Town Hall thinks that its liquor license can be amended. MG
→ 2218 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5641.

TOP-SHELF TIP

Palette Offers \$6 Martinis, Expanded Seasonal Drinks

Maybe in New York \$8 would be a

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Katzen Arts Center:

A First Look: David Bates, Gene Davis, Nancy Graves & Master Drawings from the Katzen Collection, through Dec. 17. Living Legacy: 60 Years of the Watkins Collection, through Dec. 17. After Bruce Conner: Anonymous, Anymouse & Emily Feather, the inkblot drawings of the filmmaker, through Dec. 17. William Allan: Stories and Watercolors, through Dec. 17. Emily Brzezinski: Recent

Sculpture, through Dec. 17. 4400 Mass. Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

Mendarin Oriental: French painter Jean Marc Huss' images of Budha, through Feb. 28. 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.

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National Gallery of Art: Pieter Claesz: Master of Harlem Still Life, through Dec. 31. Masterpieces in Miniature: Italian Manuscript Illumination from the J. Paul Getty Museum, through Jan. 2. The Prints of Felix Buhot: Impressions of City and Sea, through Feb. 20. Winslow Homer, through Feb. 20. Monumental Sculpture in Florence: restored 15th-century works by Ghiberti, di Banco and del Verrocchio, through Feb. 26. Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, through Feb. 28. Audubon's

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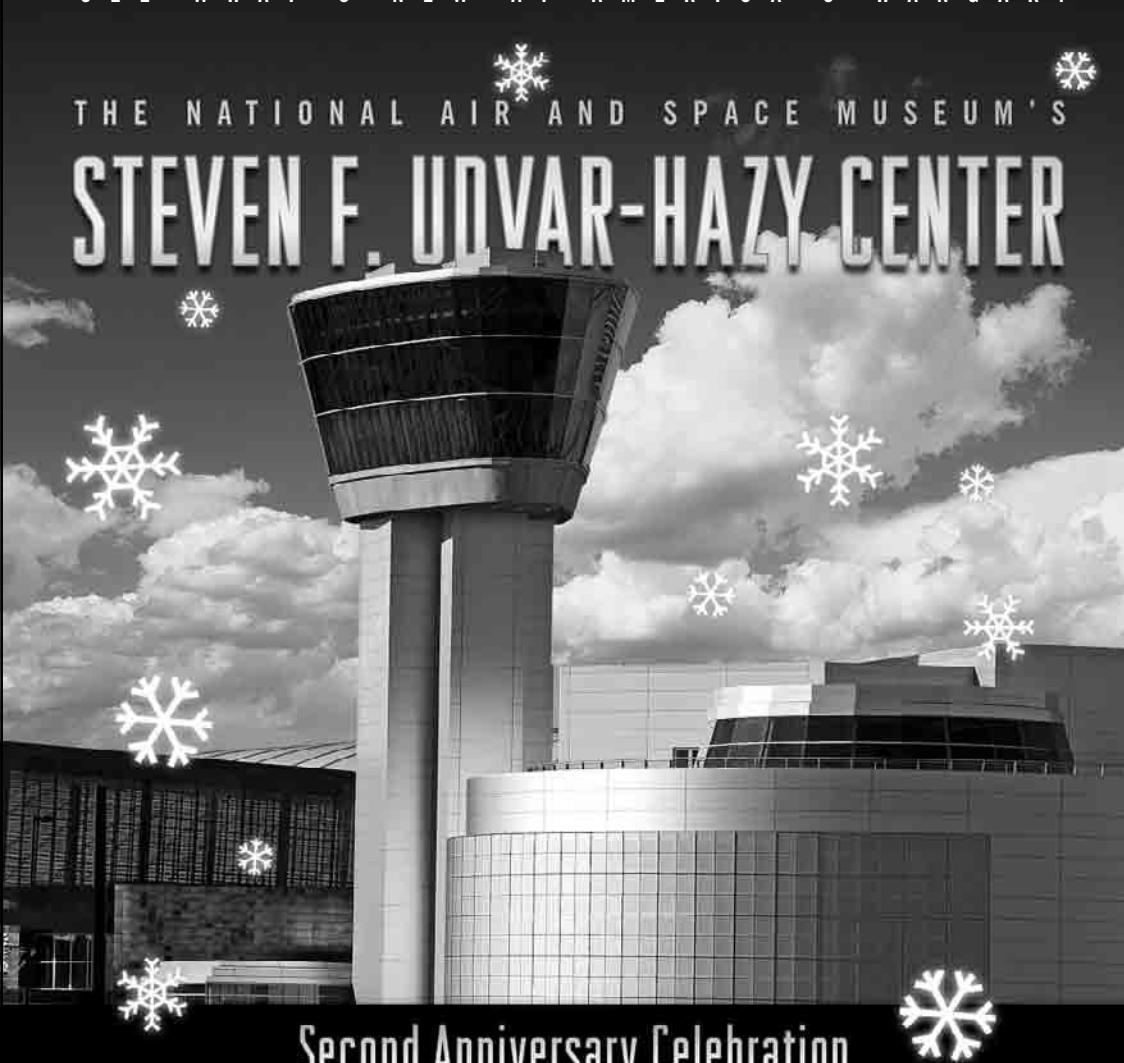
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National Museum of American History: Azúcar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, through Dec. 31. La Causa: The Delano Grape Strike of 1965, through Jan. 3. Smithsonian Magazine: Through Our Readers' Eyes, through Jan. 3. Disneyland: The First 50 Years, Ray Charles: "The Genius," the American Industrial Revolution, the Star-Spangled Banner and others. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

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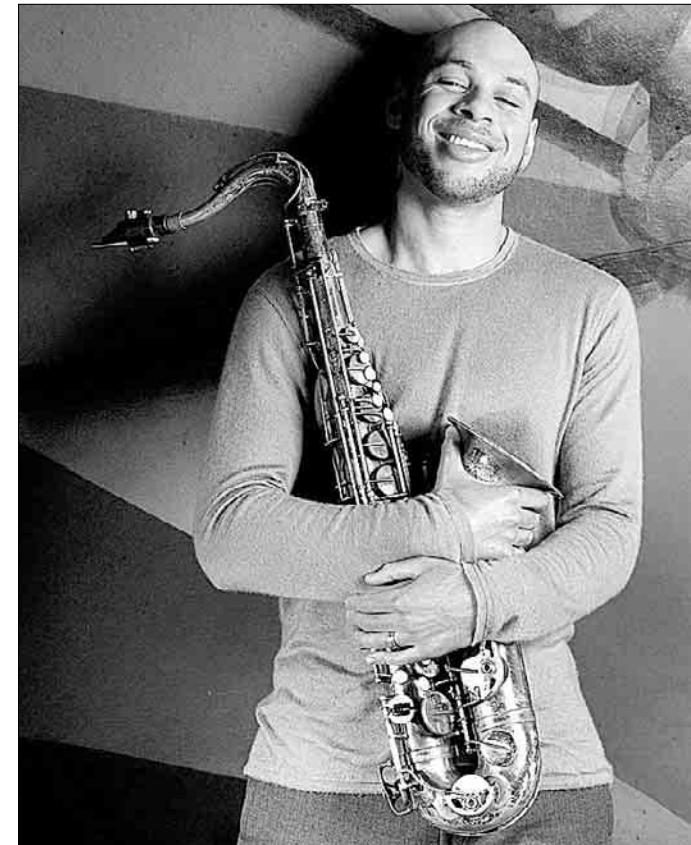
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National Museum of Natural History:

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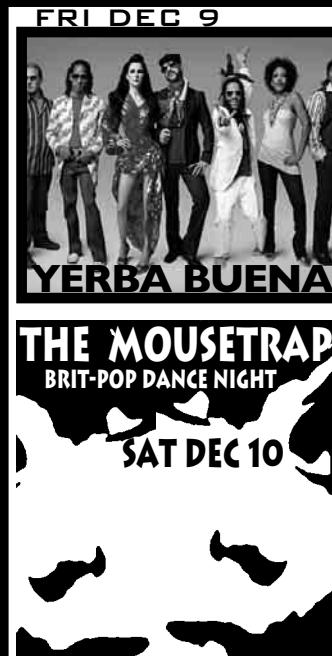
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Pulp on the Hill: Frank Muzzy's From Stone to Flesh, artistic black and white photos of area statues and more, from the author of "Gay and Lesbian Washington, D.C.," through Jan. 1. 303 Penn. Ave. SE; 202-543-1924.

Renwick Gallery: Modernism in American Silver, through Jan. 22. Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street NW; 202-633-2850.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: Retratos: 2,000 years of Latin-American portraiture, through Jan. 8. 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 202-633-1000.

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue: Circles Within Circles: Jewish Time Frames, opening reception Sun., through Jan. 31. 6th & I streets NW; 202-789-0100.

Spectrum Gallery: Alice Mostoff's "Pen-

dants" connects a renaissance method with modern abstract impulses, and painting with architecture, through Dec. 18. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

Strathmore: 72nd exhibition of the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers society. Views of Forest Glen, Rose Folsom Calligraphy, all through Dec. 30. 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

Studio Gallery: Contemporary artists take on "Classical Themes," emphasizing Greek & Roman qualities, reception Thurs., through Dec. 23. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734.

Target Gallery: Washington Guild of Goldsmiths Metal 2005, juried show, opening reception Thu., through Jan. 15. Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Textile Museum: Gods and Empire: Huari Ceremonial Textiles, through Jan. 15. Rozome Masters of Japan, screens, kimono, scrolls by contemporary Japanese artists using the wax-resist dyeing technique, through Feb. 12. Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Touchtone Gallery: 29th anniversary gift show, all work \$250 & 10% of proceeds go to charity. "Mississippi Images," recent photos by Mike Lang, Art Enables and the Winter Solstice, the work of disabled local artists. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

Transformer: Little Creatures, a collection of work by four artists uses art brut, comic book art, found objects, taxidermy

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and more to explore human-like characters and "beasties," Sat. through Jan. 14. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

Union Gallery: *Boundaries: Contemporary Landscape*, feat. the work of four local artists, through Dec. 22. University of Maryland Stamp Student Union, College Park; 301-314-8492.

Union Station: *Contemporary Norwegian design and architecture*, through Jan. 8. 50 Mass. Ave. NE; 202-289-1908.

United States Botanic Garden: A miniature version of the National Mall, feat. model trains and using natural plant materials, through the holidays. *Slow-life: Demonstrating how a plant reacts to its inner and outer worlds*, through March 26. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

University of Maryland University College: *Dynamic Spaces; Abstract Form Within and Beyond the Landscape: Painting, collage and assemblage* by Larry Chappelar, through Jan. 9. UMUC Inn & Conference Center Art Gallery, 3501 University Boulevard East, Adelphi; 800-888-8682.

University of Phoenix: Experimental photographer James W. Bailey presents a surprisingly compelling collection of photos found across the country, through Jan. 31. Northern Virginia Campus, 11700 Plaza America Drive, Reston; 504-669-8650.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: *Remains*, Jenny Freestone's compelling lithographs and etchings inspired by plants after they've lost their flower and post-Khmer Rouge Cambodia, through Dec. 24, artist's reception, gallery talk Thu. 1732 Conn. Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Works on Paper Gallery: *The Curves of Natural Radiance*: large format body prints by Angela White, through Jan. 15. 3420 9 St. NE; 202-526-4848.

Zenith Gallery: *Drew Ernst's Connected*, a collection of realist paintings, opening Fri. & through Jan. 8. Artists of New York Ave., through Jan. 27. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas: Ford's Theatre's annual staging of Dickens' classic, as rich, evocative and full of the holiday spirit as ever, through Dec. 31, \$30-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 800-551-7328.

Alice: Whoopi Goldberg's first children's

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book is brought to the stage, Fri. through Jan. 2, \$15. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

The Comedy of Errors: Shakespeare Theatre Company's well-received version of the Bard's farcical whirlwind of misunderstandings and mistaken identity, incorporating Middle Eastern settings and Salvador Dali influences, through Jan. 8, \$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

Cuttin' Up: A new play with music that explores the community surrounding an African-American barber shop, through Jan. 1. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-4377.

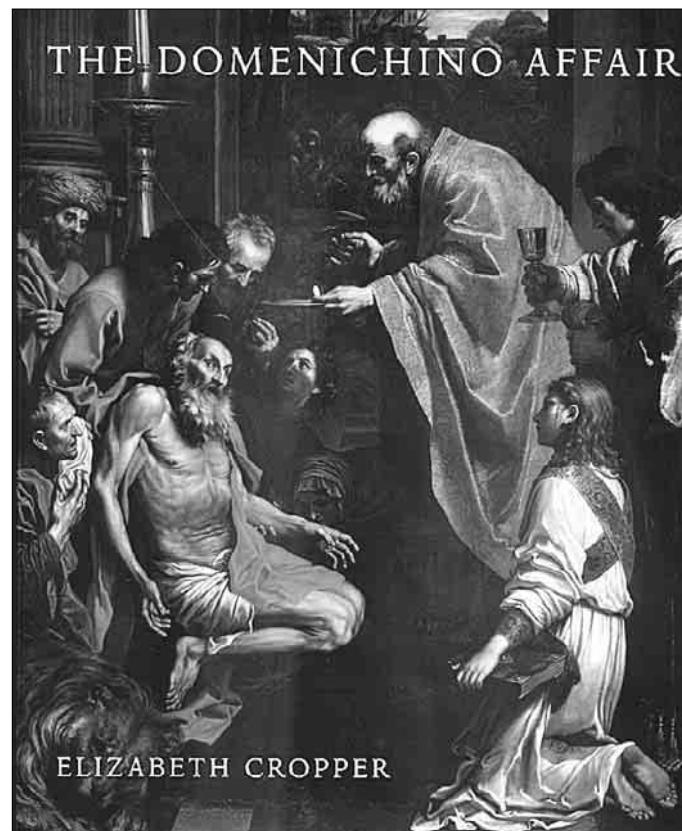
Damn Yankees: The perennial musical about a fanatic Washington Senators fan's deal with the devil, through Feb. 5. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

LAST CHANCE Draft Day: African Continuum Theatre's dark fantasy exploring the slave trade and the ambitions of two basketball players about to go pro, through Dec. 11, \$20. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-529-5764.

LAST CHANCE Guantanamo: 'Honor Bound to Defend Freedom': Journalist Victoria Brittain & novelist Gillian Slovo's play based on prisoner letters, interviews and official government statements, through Dec. 11, \$32-\$52. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

LAST CHANCE Hapgood: Washington Shakespeare Company's fun, albeit intellectual, take on Cold War espionage, \$22-\$30. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 800-494-8497.

LAST CHANCE Kingdom: African Continuum Theatre updates "Richard III" in inner-city Cleveland, through Dec. 10, \$30-\$35. Atlas Performing Arts Center,



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Art & Scandal

→ **ACCUSATIONS WERE TRADED**, great art was at stake and we're pretty sure that, at some point, hair was pulled. Thus the subject of "The Domenichino Affair: Novelty, Imitation, and Theft in 17th-Century Rome" holds enduring appeal. Dean of the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts at the National Gallery of Art, Elizabeth Cropper details the affair. It seems that Giovanni Lanfranco accused his rival, Bolognese painter Domenichino, of stealing an idea for a painting from Lanfranco's teacher. Cropper discusses her book and the notion of the genuine in art.

National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., 2 p.m., free; 202-737-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

1333 H St. NE; 202-529-5764.

Les Misérables: The popular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical adapted from Victor Hugo's epic, through Jan. 21, \$36.25-\$83.25. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 800-551-7328.

LAST CHANCE The Nutcracker: The American Dance Institute performs a version designed for kids, Sun., \$15, \$10 children. 1570 East Jefferson St., Rockville; 301-984-3003.

The Nutcracker: The Washington Ballet's D.C. & U.S. history-centric production, staged by artistic director Septime Webre, returns, through Dec. 24, \$29-\$77. Warner Theatre, 13 & E Streets NW; 202-783-4000.

Oliver!: The Olney Theatre Center stages its first musical with this family favorite, adapted — with added cheer and songs — from Charles Dickens, through Dec. 31, \$24-\$39. 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400.

Portrait of a Madonna & Suddenly

Last Summer: The Keegan Theatre offers a double shot of Tennessee Williams' plays, through Dec. 17, \$25, \$20 for students and seniors. Gunston Arts Center Theater II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-527-6000.

Seussical: Family musical based on Dr. Seuss' writings, through Jan. 15, \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

Starving: S.M. Shepard-Massat's powerful play speaks volumes about the lives of African-American women in the 1950s just by watching the comings and goings of residents of one Atlanta apartment building, through Dec. 18, \$30-\$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939.

The Truth (Welcome to the Down Low): Restoration Stage presents Steven Butler's new play, an examination of married black men who, on the "down low," have homosexual sex, contributing to an AIDS rate 18 times higher among black women than their white counterparts, through Dec. 18, \$25. H St. Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 800-494-8497.

LAST CHANCE A Year With Frog and Toad: A family-friendly musical based on Arnold Lobel's beloved books, through Dec. 11, \$25-\$50, ages 17 and under \$15. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1100.

SATURDAY ONLY Yalla: A Celebration of Women's Dance: Montgomery College, Sat., 7:30 p.m., \$14. 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 301-279-5355.

Yemaya's Belly: A Caribbean coming-of-age story incorporating elements of Santeria, through Dec. 18, \$39-\$43. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771.

Nightlifeagenda

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

THURSDAY

The 12th anniversary of **CLUB HEAVEN**'s weekly '80s Dance Party gives us a chance to point out a lovely irony: The event has been running longer than the decade it celebrates! Arrive early for drink specials.

It's holiday season, so many venues and performers are getting into the spirit by putting together benefit shows. One area staple is Santa Jam at the **STATE THEATRE**. The concert always features many top vets of the local scene; Bluesman Linwood Taylor, members of bar band stalwarts the Nighthawks and 14-time Wammie winner Mary Ann Redmond are among the performers this year. The show is a benefit for homeless women and children and victims of domestic violence. An unwrapped children's gift gets you in, although extra donations will be accepted.

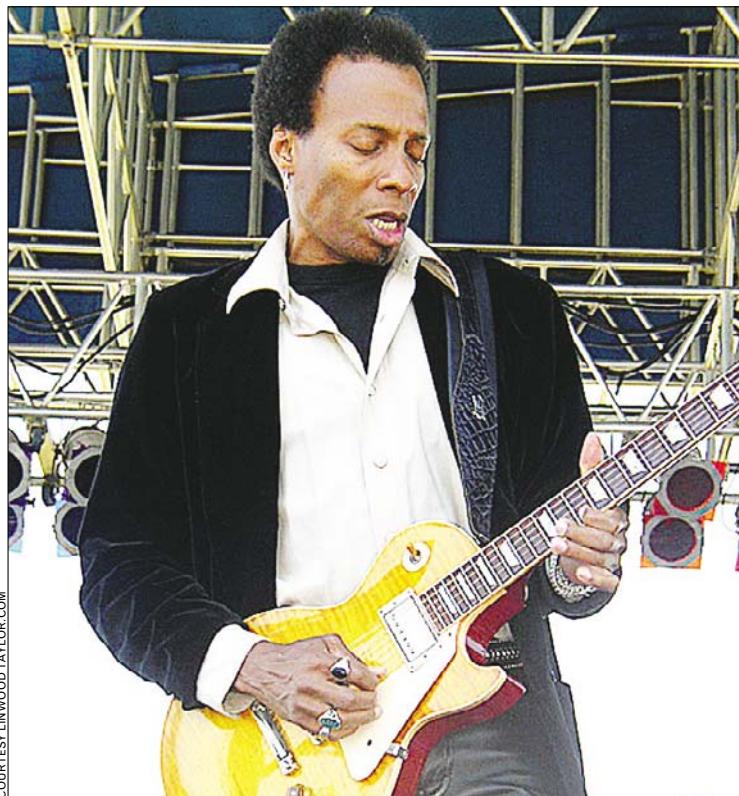
Eastern European ex-pats and adventurous music fans will want to check out the new East Euro Night at **EYEBAR**, a chance to hear Russian, Ukrainian, Bulgarian and other dance tunes while sipping vodka or a cold Russian beer. DJs George (Romania) and Vinny (Ukraine) spin "the hottest East Euro and house music" in the lounge's upstairs room, while DJ Pat sticks to the usual radio-friendly hip-hop and Top-40 on the main level. Get on the guest list at www.RedSkiesParty.com, then arrive between 9 and 10 p.m. for a free shooter and a drink for ladies. All-night drink specials include \$6 martinis and \$4 Belvedere drinks (it's Polish, after all).

FRIDAY

We'll admit that we don't really "get" free jazz. Something about the lack of a discernable melody or rhythm sort of throws us off. But the genre has devoted fans and they will no doubt be at **TWINS JAZZ** this weekend for its Free Jazz Festival. Saxophonist David Bond is the featured performer on both nights, and critics' fave Marshall Allen and members of the Sun Ra Arkestra will also be on hand.

SATURDAY

There are kids in D.C. who might not know that modern rock radio giant WHFS ever existed, let alone



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that it was one of the best stations in the country. The once-influential station went off the air at the beginning of this year, but it's still online, and its annual Nutcracker show lives on at **RAMS HEAD LIVE** with '80s radio staples the Psychedelic Furs and the Violent Femmes. The show is 18 and over.

Kegs For Kids is an annual party that benefits Toys For Tots. This year organizers are taking over the **HAWK AND DOVE**. A \$20 donation at the door gets you all-you-can-drink Budweiser Select drafts until 11 p.m.

If you ask us, the perfect venue for a rockin' Man in Black cover band would be a local correctional facility, but we'd settle for a rowdy

little roadhouse like **JV's**, too. Catch Cold Hard Cash from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight for free.

SUNDAY

Why wait to celebrate Hanukkah? Professionals in the City is getting a jump on the holiday tonight with its annual bash at the **BARKING DOG** in Bethesda. Besides dancing and mingling, the party includes free appetizers and one free cocktail per person. Doll yourself up in "dressy casual" before heading out, though. Tickets are \$10 in advance from prosintthecity.com, and guests are asked to bring an unopened toy for local children.

There's been an explosion out of London that melds jazz fusion, soul and electronic music. Sometimes it's called nu-jazz or broken beat, but the essential elements are ruthlessly danceable beats, jazzy arrangements and soulful vocals. London-by-way-of-New Zealand producer and keyboardist Mark de Clive-Lowe has become one of the cornerstones of this movement; he'll be doing a DJ set at 14th Street restaurant and lounge **JIN** tonight, accompanied by singer Bembe Segue.

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